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Mononoke Diary

by KYOGOKU Natsuhiko/ illus. by ISHIGURO Ayako

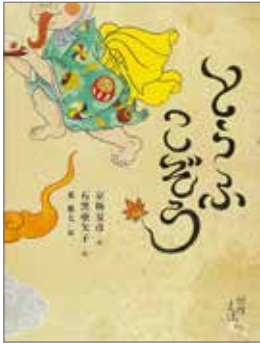
A young man visits his friend to hear about his strange experience of monsters and ghosts haunting him for one whole month. To his surprise, the haunted boy, Heitaro, was not bothered at all. Heitaro casually tells him about the demons and spirits who haunted him in the order they appeared, and his eventual encounter with the demon king. This book is based on *Ino Mononokeroku*, a story written in Edo period known as the best of all yokai stories. Heitaro is a great protagonist with a bold and whimsical personality, which is well captured by the illustrations. Every right-side page is a gatefold, making readers feel as if they are unrolling a scroll.

ISBN978-4-265-83119-7

JPY2000, 88 pages, 193x193mm

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Traditional Chinese



Tofu Boy

by KYOGOKU Natsuhiko/ illus. by ISHIGURO Ayako

"Ghosts are scary, ghosts are dangerous. If I run into one... what would I do!?" When a scared little boy is trembling in his bed due to his wild imaginations, a real ghost comes into his room! But somehow, this ghost is not scary at all. That's Tofu Boy, a child yokai holding a tray of tofu. It doesn't hurt you. It doesn't steal. He just wants to show you the tray of tofu. Maybe a ghost like this will be fun to have around. A funny one-night encounter, illustrated by Ayako Ishiguro's attractive art style that feels both modern and traditional.

ISBN978-4-265-07974-2

JPY1500, 32 pages, 286x216mm



There or Not There

by KYOGOKU Natsuhiko/ illus. by MACHIDA Naoko

A boy moves in with his grandmother who lives in an old, traditional Japanese house. The ceiling is high and dark, which somehow disturbs the little boy. Although he knows nothing is there, he can't stop looking up. One day, he spots something... a face looking down at him. "Just don't look," says his grandmother, "Then you can pretend it's not there." For any children who aren't satisfied with humorous ghost stories, this authentic horror tale will give them the real chills.

ISBN978-4-265-07953-7

JPY1500, 32 pages, 286x216mm

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English, Indonesian



Cat's Claw Night

by MACHIDA Naoko

A calico cat taking a nap suddenly raises its head. "Hm? Could it be..." It looks at the night sky through the window and exclaims, "There's no mistake. It's tonight!" The calico rushes out the window. The streets are filled with cats, all heading to the same direction. Gathered at the field, the cats gaze at the sky and wait patiently until finally "it" appears—a crescent moon? No, a cat's claw! The old-style houses and alleys create a mysterious setting for this unique tale. The cats are drawn realistically, yet strangely humorous. One of the earlier works by Naoko Machida renowned for her cat-themed picture books.

ISBN978-4-265-83103-6

JPY1500, 32 pages, 263x217mm

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FICTION

I Can't Take My Words Back

by KASAI Mari/ illus. by OTONAI Chiaki

Fuko is devastated when she learns that Aoi Kitagawa, a celebrity actress, will be visiting her elementary school for a film shooting. Her conversation with her new classmates caused misunderstanding that Fuko is friends with Aoi, and Fuko missed the opportunity to deny it. She fears that everyone will hate her for telling a lie. What will she do? This novel written in first-person narrative precisely portrays the emotions of a grade four girl. Fuko's trust in an uncertain future and her courage to be vulnerable will encourage many young readers. For ages 8-up.

ISBN978-4-265-84066-3

JPY1300, 112 pages, 220x150mm

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Korean





Lonely Bus Stop

by MATSUOKA Kou

Baru goes to meet her father at the bus stop because she can't wait to show him her brand-new shoes. However, many busses come and go, but her father is not on any of them. Another little boy appears at the bus stop. He is waiting for his father, too. "I'm sure my father will be on the next bus." "My father will be, too." They forge a little rivalry, but when the bus comes, both are disappointed. Sharing the same loneliness gradually brings them closer... anxiety, happiness, loneliness and affirmation. This picture book will tap into children's diverse emotions.

ISBN978-4-86549-361-0
JPY1400, 32 pages, 240x210mm



Mice Triplets – Grandpa's Birthday Present

by KASAI Mari

illus. by INATOME Makiko

Today is Grandpa's birthday. The mice triplets want to give him a present, but don't know what to give. When they visit Grandpa in his room, he is wiping his fishing tools. "Too bad I can't go fishing until the snow melts," says Grandpa. The triplets have an idea. They work all day making fishing rods out of sticks, fishes out of paper and scattering them on a blue cloth. "This is our present, Grandpa – a fishing pond!" A heartwarming story that reminds us of the joy of making others happy.

ISBN978-4-8054-5841-9
JPY400, 24 pages, 250x250mm



Roxie and the Carrot Spaceship

by INOUE Kotori

One day, a spaceship crashes into Roxie the rabbit's carrot field. The spaceship cannot fly because a shooting star hit the fuel tank, explains Luna the alien. Roxie decides to help Luna find alternative fuel, however, the fuel Luna describes is totally bizarre. It has a beautiful color, it smells good and even tastes delicious!? After searching everywhere, they realize that the fuel was right there at Roxie's farm – carrot juice! Roxie and Luna's genuine friendship and eccentric story will uplift the readers' hearts.

ISBN978-4-8054-5817-4
JPY400, 32 pages, 250x220mm



999 Brothers and the Little Duck

by KIMURA Ken

illus. by MURAKAMI Yasunari

One spring day, the 999 frog brothers are enjoying a walk when they meet a little lost duck. "Let me come along," says the little duck. 999 decide to look for the duck's mother, but the curious duck does not stay still. Oh no, now the duck is poking on the head of a hibernating snake! The 7th title in the *999 Brothers* series, which captures the simple beauty of natural life and presents it as relatable stories for little children.

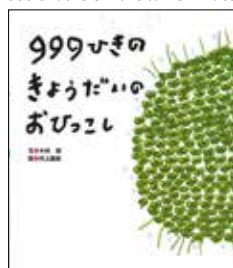
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999 Tadpole Brothers



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999 Brothers Move to New Place



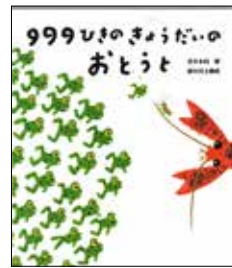
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999 Brothers in Spring



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999 Brothers' Little Brother

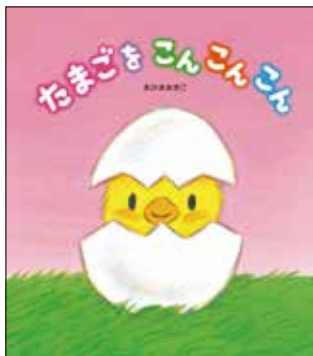


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240x210mm

999 Brothers Look for the Star



ISBN978-4-86549-182-1
JPY1200, 32 pages,
240x210mm



Knock the Egg

by AKAMA Akiko

There is an egg on the grass. "Who's in there? Knock, knock, knock". Let children knock on the pages, as if cracking the egg. Lift the flaps and a chick, a baby snake, and a baby turtle appear from the eggs! The three babies start to walk. Where are they going? There are die-cut holes showing someone familiar to them between the grass. Yes, their mothers! A cute interactive board book with soft-touch illustrations.

ISBN978-4-86549-154-8
JPY1100, 20 pages, 170x160mm

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A Special Day

by KASAI Mari

Today is a special day for the harvest mouse children. Everyone who became grade 1 gets invited to a party at the castle. The story follows little girl Eva get dressed up, pick up her friends Bick and Bon and go to the party. As Eva goes from one house to the other, a cross section of the house is shown, and readers can play a look-and-find related to the story. Enjoy seeing what each mouse is doing in the cute, classical homes. A picture book with die-cut holes.

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JPY1400, 24 pages, 250x240mm

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The Beautiful Day



ISBN978-4-86549-288-0
JPY1500, 24 pages,
250x240mm



Little Wind

by TAKABATAKE Junko

illus. by KUROI Ken

Little Wind was born in the mountains along with many other baby winds. God gave each baby wind a name and role, such as whirlwind or night breeze, but Little Wind was half asleep when it was her turn. Now she was on her own and could not remember her name. One day, she hears about a competition to choose who will be the first spring gale, the strong southern wind that marks the beginning of spring. With the help of her friend Ocean Breeze, she starts training for the competition... A gentle story of self-discovery.

ISBN978-4-86549-370-2
JPY1500, 32 pages, 250x210mm



Let's Go by Train, Let's Return by Train

by MASE Naokata

A train departs from the Mountain Station and runs through villages and forests, snow field and a railway bridge, then past a flower field, until it finally arrives at the Sea Station. Every time before the scenery changes, the train goes through a tunnel, illustrated with a dark background and two die-cut wholes indicating the exits. Like a blackout on theatrical plays, this builds anticipation for what will come next. While enjoying the journey, children will also learn about geography and culture by observing the landscapes and the people in them taking part in various activities. The first title in the long-selling *Vehicle Picture Book* series by Naokata Mase.

ISBN978-4-89325-489-4
JPY1200, 24 pages, 250x250mm

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Let's Go for Drive



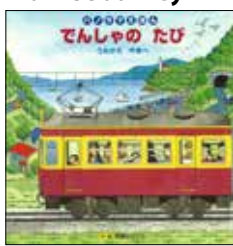
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The Circle Train



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Merry Christmas



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JPY1200, 24 pages,
250x250mm



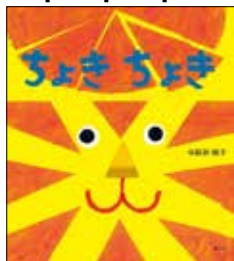
Round and Round

by NAKAARAI Junko

With the power of imagination, simple lines can turn into many things. The book follows one continuous line from beginning to the end. When the line draws a circle, it looks like a frog's eye. The wiggly line turns into an elephant, and the messy scribble bounces off like a cloud. Parents can help small children follow the line with their fingers and guess what it turns into. A baby book that will help children sense how fun and free art can be.

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JPY1200, 22 pages, 210x187mm

Snip Snip Snip



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JPY1000, 24 pages,
210x187mm

Rip Rip Rip



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210x187mm



Blackie's Wonderful Patterns

by NAKAYA Miwa

Blackie and his crayon friends love to draw. One day, they look for some paper to draw on and find a pad of very thin paper. When Blackie lays the paper on the floor and starts to draw, the texture of the floor emerges on the paper. "This is fun!" The crayons start copying all sorts of patterns and textures of things inside the house. As the 5th title in *Blackie the Crayon* series, this book introduces children to the world of frottage and inspires kids to try the method themselves.

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JPY1300, 32 pages, 191x266mm

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Blackie the Crayon



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Blackie and Transformer

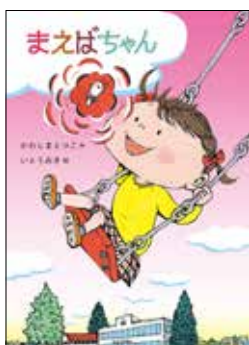


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Blackie's Last Picture



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191x266mm



FICTION

My Baby Front Tooth

by KAWASHIMA Etsuko

illus. by ITO Miki

Nanako, a girl of 7 years old, wants to make up with her best friend, but she is worried whether her friend will forgive her, since Nanako was mean to her. Suddenly, however, Nanako hears her baby front tooth whispers to her, "Hi, Nanako, I know you are a good girl. We are together since you were a baby and I'm always on your side." Encouraged by the voice of the tooth, Nanako becomes confident little by little. Coming-of-age story through Humorous conversations with a child's inner voice.

ISBN978-4-494-02061-4
JPY1000, 64pages, 200x150mm

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Flower Grows!

by ISHIKAWA Koji

Look at the spread pages. You will see a seed in the left page and it's going to sprout in the right page. Open the flap upward of the right page, then you will see the sprout grows. If you open the flap once again, you will see a flower blossomed! Sunflower, Morning glory, Tulip, Violet, Lily, and Hyacinth grow in this book from seed to flower! Amusing lift-the-flap book with simple illustrations and sentences for toddlers.

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JPY1000, 22 pages, 150x166mm

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Traditional Chinese

Egg Cracks!



ISBN978-4-494-00842-1
JPY1000, 22 pages,
150x166mm

Bird Flies!



ISBN978-4-494-00844-5
JPY1000, 28 pages,
150x166mm



Mole Construction Company 3. Tunnel to Donut

by NAGASAKI Shingo

The Mole Construction Company is the town's best constructor. One day, the moles find out that the badger sisters need to climb over a tall mountain while pulling their donut cart to come into town to sell their donuts. The moles know exactly what to do – they will dig a tunnel! The characters are cute and comical, while the working vehicles are dynamic and powerful. After the grand, exciting construction process, there is an outcome satisfying for everyone.

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JPY1400, 32 pages, 266x191mm

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Mole Construction Company 1



ISBN978-4-494-01588-7
JPY1300, 32 pages,
266x191mm



After a Whale Dies

by EGUCHI Eri/ illus. by KAWASAKI Shunichi

What happens after a whale dies? The book follows the corps of a sperm whale that sank to the ocean floor, as it gets discovered and slowly eaten away by other creatures. Although the whale ended its life, its body nourishes other lives. Depicting the progress of a food chain in an observational tone, this book captures the mystical wonders of the ecosystem through its beautiful illustrations. At the end of the book, readers can find a list and explanations of the creatures in the story. Won several awards in Japan.

ISBN978-4-494-01599-3
JPY1800, 40 pages, 251x256mm

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Traditional Chinese, Korean



Still Looking For

by Arthur Binard/ photos by OKAKURA Tadashi

A book about the atomic bombing of Hiroshima. On each spread there is a picture of a find: A clock which stopped at 8:15 am, gloves, a purple dress, half melted glasses, a diary. Each find tells the fate of its owner. The fate of Tamotsu e.g. who wore the glasses when the flash not only destroyed his glasses but also his entire face. All objects are looking for something, the gloves for the hands, the shoes for the boy who wore them or just for an answer to the question why. By giving these objects a voice, the book gives the dead a voice. Impressing.

ISBN978-4-494-00750-9
JPY1400, 32 pages, 266x191mm

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Spanish, Hindi

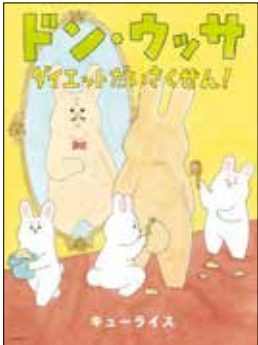


Snow and Cherry Blossom

by YOSHIMURA Megu

A cherry blossom petal gets carried north on a train and falls beside a small patch of snow that is about to melt away. Sakura, the spirit of the cherry blossom petal, and Yuki, the spirit of snow, are fascinated by each other's beauty. Every year from then, Sakura tries to bloom as early as possible hoping to see snow, while Yuki tries to fall as late as possible hoping to see cherry blossoms. One spring day, an irregular weather brings upon a miracle—snow falls while the cherries are in full bloom. Sakura and Yuki dance together as they fall from the sky. An emotional fairy tale with a cinematic feel, accompanied by delicate illustrations.

ISBN978-4-592-76364-2
JPY1400, 32 pages, 259x190mm



Boss, You Can Diet!

by Q-rai

"I wish I was more slender," says Boss Rabbit. His three faithful guards decide to do whatever they can to make his wish come true! They make a huge exercise wheel, but it spins too fast and Boss goes flying off. They ask a lion to play tag with them, which leads to Boss almost being eaten. Will their extreme ideas lead to a disaster, or actually help him lose weight!? *Boss, You Can Fly!* and *Boss, You Can Sleep!* in series.

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JPY1200, 32 pages, 265x195mm

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Boss, You Can Fly!



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JPY1200, 32 pages,
265x195mm

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Korean, Thai, Vietnamese



My First Baseball

by USHIKUBO Ryota

Baseball is a complex game for children to learn, but no worries. This picture book for baseball beginners will teach children everything about baseball in a fun and playful manner using animal characters, comic strips and quizzes. While this book is extremely information-dense, the laid-back illustrations of personified baseball bats, the vivid color pallet and its wacky composition make it a fun and easy read. Kids will surely take home its most important message: Enjoy baseball!

ISBN978-4-592-76387-1
JPY1000, 24 pages, 177x177mm

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Traditional Chinese



FICTION

The One and Only Cat of the World

by HIGUCHI Yuko

The story begins with a stuffed cat's confession. - "The boy who owns me loves me a lot, but others warn me that he will stop playing with me after he grows." He learns that real cats can be loved even by grown-ups, and aspires to become one himself. To become a cat, he must collect cat whiskers and sew them into his body. Thus the stuffed cat sets out on his journey -Each life is different and precious. A story that teaches us to love who we are.

ISBN978-4-592-76189-1
JPY1500, 104 pages, 217x155mm

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Measly Cat



ISBN978-4-592-76215-7
JPY1500, 120 pages,
217x155mm

Simplified Chinese, Traditional Chinese,
Korean, Thai

Bookstore Cat



ISBN978-4-592-76238-6
JPY1500, 108 pages,
217x155mm

Simplified Chinese, Traditional Chinese,
Korean, Spanish, Thai



Noraneko Naughty Cats – Say Hello!

by KUDOH Noriko

This newest title from the much-loved *Noraneko Naughty Cats* series is a book for learning every-day basic conversation for small children. Phrases such as “Good morning,” “See you later,” “I’m home,” and “I’m sorry” are introduced, accompanied with cute and humorous illustrations. Noriko Kudoh adds a twist in every picture—a robot chef, an alien friend, and of course, the cats doing something naughty—which makes this word book unique and extra fun.

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Noraneko Naughty Cats Series

Stein Locomotive



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Curry Rice



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JPY1300, 32 pages,
207x207mm

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Squirrel's Christmas

by TOYOFUKU Makiko

Squirrel lives in a forest nearby Santa Claus' home. He watched Santa all year as he worked hard preparing for Christmas. After seeing Santa off on Christmas day, the squirrel wonders if Santa himself ever gets a present. “What will make Santa happy?” He goes looking in the woods for a present to give to Santa, but every animal he meets offer different advice, which confuses him... Choosing a present can be difficult, but this book tells you that even if you don't know what the person wants, your thoughts are what really counts.

ISBN978-4-7764-1033-1
JPY1500, 32 pages, 270x220mm

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Korean, Thai, French



Treasure of the Starry Sky

by TOYOFUKU Makiko

Tabby cat lives in cat town. Catching fish, eating mice and chasing birds – that's the life he enjoys. One day, however, he finds out that his friend secretly likes fish – not for eating, but for keeping as pets! When he goes around telling this to other cats, though, they start sharing their secrets, too. “I actually have a friend mouse.” “I actually love swimming.” “I love veggies more than meat.” Tabby cat starts to question the meaning being normal... An emotionally moving story that gently challenges preconceptions and encourages children to be themselves.

ISBN978-4-7764-1183-3
JPY1600, 32 pages, 270x220mm

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Korean, French



One Snowy Night

by **ABE Hiroshi**

One snowy night, a fox is taking a walk. He meets a woodpecker sending telegrams to a friend. "Where are you off to?" asks the woodpecker. "Nowhere. Just enjoying the snowy night," answers the fox. He passes by a rabbit practicing running. When he hears a voice from the underground, he stops and listens. "Ah, just a bear talking in his sleep." Written in 2025 by Hiroshi Abe, master of portraying nature and wildlife, this picture book captures the quiet beauty of the night forest.

ISBN978-4-564-01967-8
JPY1500, 32 pages, 270x220mm

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Korean



The Wolves' Secret

by **UCHIDA Rintaro/ illus. by IINO Kazuyoshi**

A lone wolf lived in the forest. He never played with other animals, even if he was invited. "I live on my own. I don't need friends. That's how a true wolf should be." However, one by one, other wolves start to inhabit the forest. None of them talked to each other because they all believed true wolves don't make friends. One night, a raccoon granny passes by where the wolves are sleeping and hears all of them say the same thing in their sleep... A book showing that everyone needs a friend, even the ones who look tough and strong.

ISBN978-4-564-01965-4
JPY1500, 32 pages, 270x220mm



Two Hungry Wolves

by **MIYANISHI Tatsuya**

Two wolves were muttering to themselves. "Apples are delicious, but a mouse could be more delicious..." Then a mouse appeared, but they missed it... "It doesn't matter, as a chicken could be more delicious..." Then the chicken appeared!!, and they failed... One after another, the two failed repeatedly until they finally got thousands of apples. A fun story picture book with a stable structure. Presented by Miyanishi who won the Japan Picture Book Award, the Kodansha Publishing Culture Award, etc.

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JPY1350, 32 pages, 270x220mm

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Camphor Tree House's Hot Summer Day

by **BUSHIKA Etsuko/ illus. by SUEZAKI Shigeki**

The Camphor Tree House is like a parasol in a field, creating a large shade where many animals have come to cool off. The squirrel cook of the sixth-floor opened a shaved ice stand in front of the entrance. The monkey carpenter spread out a big sheet for the children. Everyone napped comfortably and, before they knew it, their shirts and towels were gone. That strange, traveling raccoon is suspicious? But the truth is.... Various animals are living together in harmony. The 11th volume in series that develops up to 13 titles by now.

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Here We Are



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Welcome



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Snowy Day



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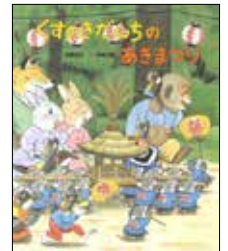
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Summer Holiday



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JPY1200, 32 pages,
270x220mm

Autumn Festival



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JPY1200, 32 pages,
270x220mm



10 Little Ghosts and Sooty Monster

by NISHIKAWA Osamu

A kind old man lives with 10 little ghosts in a house near the forest. The ghosts love the old man who takes care of them like his children. Now, the ghosts learn how books are joyful. Today, one ghost is feeling disappointed because the others fall asleep while he is reading to them. A bird invites him to come read to his friend who lives alone in a dark, dusty house – Sooty Monster! The monster is so happy to be read to that he doesn't want the little ghost to leave... Can the little ghost return home? A long-selling series loved by preschoolers for its heart-warming and amusing stories.

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Welcome



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Go to the Beach



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Happy Birthday



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Big Ship



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Little Boy



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KOGUMASHA



Rabbit Company

by FUKUNAGA Junpei

Right before sunrise, the round moon sets behind the mountains, and... lands in a forest. A gate opens, and a rabbit wearing a space suit walks out. Yes, the moon is a spaceship launched by rabbits! The pilot walks all the way to his office, Rabbit Company, where rabbit engineers are working hard building aircrafts and ships. They call it a day and party all night, but oh no! It's almost time for the moon to go up, but the pilot won't wake up!? This story built on a surprising idea will make moon-viewing fun than ever.

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Eleven Hungry Cats

by BABA Noboru

Eleven cats who are constantly hungry go off together to the lake to catch a big fish. Again and again they tax their wits in competition with the fish, until at last they catch a big, strange one. They then agree not to have a bite of it until they show this strange catch to other cats the following day. However... The 1st title of the series. Fun-filled tales about eleven cats, with Tabby Cat as their leader. Adventurous, witty, carefree, and more than a bit greedy and silly, these cats have long retained their special position in Japanese lists of popular reading for children.

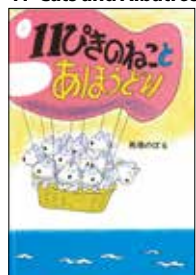
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11 Cats and Albatros



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11 Cats in Mud



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KOMINE SHOTEN



The Dandelion Fairy

by **TAKESHITA Fumiko**/ illus. by **OKADA Chiaki**

Children love to blow off fluffy dandelion seeds, but did you know each of these seeds carries a tiny fairy? They are so light that they can travel on the wind. One fairy lands in a park to comfort a lost kitten. She then quickly flies in front of a dog to stop him from jumping onto the road. She keeps traveling till she finally finds a nice patch of grass, where she settles to rest. Her seed buds, grows leaves and endures the winter, till finally she blooms in spring. This picture book will gently warm a child's heart and enhance their imagination about the world surrounding them.

ISBN978-4-338-26148-7
JPY1800, 32 pages, 280x240mm



The Cat Who Had No Name

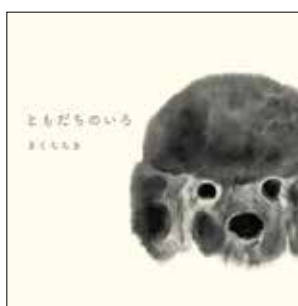
by **TAKESHITA Fumiko**
illus. by **MACHIDA Naoko**

The stray cat has no name. He was called "kitten" when he was small, "cat" after grown up, or "Go away Stray Cat" in these days. The shoemaker's cat is proud of his name Leo that means lion. The bookstore cat is cheerful and his name is Cheer. The cat of the cafeteria even has two names - Mimi and White. Why no name for me? Even for this miserable cat, the day comes finally... The lonely cat not only got his name but also someone who loved him! Ages 4-up

ISBN978-4-338-26133-3
JPY1500, 32 pages, 280x220mm

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What Color Do You Like?

by **KIKUCHI Chiki**

Kuro-chan is a black dog. His friends, a green frog, a red bird, a blue lizard, a brown weasel..., visit him one after another. They ask him the same question, "What color do you like?" He replies, "I like green!", "I like red!" His answer varies with his friend in front of him because he likes each color of each friend. After a while, all friends come together and ask him, "What color do you like the best?" Then, Kuro-chan replies, "I like the color of friend the best. I like all the colors of my friends!" Each one's color is each one's individuality that should be equally respected. Ages 3-up

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Korean



Hiroshima Flash

by **MARUKI Toshi**

August 6, 1945 at 8:15am, the awful flash scattered the Hiroshima sky. That was the atomic bomb, the first on the earth in the history. Uncountable number of people died and injured. Mie-chan the girl of the 7-year-old wandered the city of hell led by her mother's hand. The painter Toshi Maruki, known for the big Hiroshima Panels, collaborated by the painter Iri Maruki sends the message on peace. No one, nowhere should experience that nightmare again.

ISBN978-4-338-02201-9
JPY1500, 47 pages, 240x250mm



NON FICTION The Life of Acorns

by **TATENO Hiroshi**

Acorns fall from treetops. Mice and birds eat them. Trees lose their leaves and winter comes. Some surviving acorns sprout in spring. Even though deer and caterpillars eat their leaves, they continue to reach for the sky...Every living thing is kept alive by someone else's life. The book shares the truth with pictures of a forest in seasonal changes, without words. Tateno's paintings are so eloquent that the readers will be able to smell the moist soil and fallen leaves, feel the warm sunlight and the wind shaking the trees. He won the Shogakukan Children's Publishing Culture Award in 2017 for *Tsuchihanmyo/Oil Beetle* (Kaiseisha).

ISBN978-4-338-36201-6
JPY1800, 33 pages, 220x250mm

KOMINE SHOTEN



FICTION

The Tales of Mystic Herbs

by HIROSHIMA Reiko/ illus. by Makurakurama

A man frames an innocent girl to be executed in order to obtain the magic herb *mandragora*. After he reaches the fame and fortune he wished for, his wife gives birth to a baby identical to the girl he killed. Another man seeks for the *ghost mushroom* which is known for granting unprecedented intelligence. Another man starts killing animals to feed the *time grass* which has powers to extend his life span... Ten chilling short stories about human greed and mystic herbs, accompanied by Makurakurama's captivating full-color illustrations. For ages 10-up.

ISBN978-4-338-28727-2
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Traditional Chinese

Mystic Animals



ISBN978-4-338-28729-6
JPY1800, 197 pages, 190x140mm



FICTION

Not Here, Somewhere Far Away

by HONDA Ariake/ illus. by Minahamu

On their last summer break of elementary school, four kids decide to go on a secret road trip. They are all outcasts at school, each having difficult family situations. Four of them share a common wish: wanting to be somewhere else—somewhere far away. Riding trains, they visit their dream destinations, such as Tokyo, Mount Fuji, and for Taiga, his hometown where he lost his family in a car accident. A road-trip novel showing us that only when we acknowledge our pain can we start walking the path of healing. For ages 10-up.

ISBN978-4-338-30806-9
JPY1400, 213 pages, 190x140mm



FICTION

Ayano, the School Nurse Series Give Me Your Heart

by SOMEYA Kako/ illus. by HIZGI

Ayano is a mysterious school nurse with long black hair and a deep voice. She greets children who visit the health room, listens to their problems, and gives them advice – while handing them a “special item” that will help them overcome internal struggles, such as envy, fear, or crushed pride. The items are magically effective but is not without side effects...A little bit spooky and painfully relatable YA novel consisting of serial short episodes. Eight volumes in series.

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Korean

Heart Collection



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JPY1300, 183 pages, 190x140mm

School Ghosts



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JPY1300, 182 pages, 190x140mm

Challenges



ISBN978-4-338-30504-4
JPY1300, 191 pages, 190x140mm

ASUNARO SHOBO



A Gorilla's Snot

by TANAKA Naoto/ illus. by HORIKAWA Rimako

The first spread shows a gorilla picking his nose. He makes the reader promise, no matter what question he asks, the reader must answer “Gorilla's Snot.” The following pages show humorous picture of the gorilla and one question per spread: What did you have for breakfast? What did you dream about last night? What's in your pocket? What's the most important thing in the world? There's only one answer— “Gorilla's Snot!” A great interactive picture book for reading aloud and laughing together.

ISBN978-4-7515-3259-1
JPY1500, 32 pages, 270x230mm



Snow

by MIURA Taro

This picture book consists of panels showing a snow-covered mountain. The stunning white color of the snow is present in every spread, while the distant animals, people and houses are drawn in vivid color, immediately attracting the reader's eyes. While the forest area is quiet, the village is lively with children playing on skis and sleds. Outside one of the houses, a red suit is hanging on the laundry line. Could that be the house of...? Come savor Miura's beautiful world of color-contrast, stillness and joy.

ISBN978-4-03-350470-4
JPY1500, 38 pages, 280x240mm



Fishy

by SHIOTANI Mamiko

Fishy, being a fish, cannot live outside in the water. He wears rubber pants, a glass helmet, protects with skin cream and walks to the elementary school every day. Walking is hard for him because he is a fish. One day, during sports class, Fishy falls down on a relay race. He hates to lose. Fishy gets depressed as things don't go as well as in the water.... A unique picture book that warmly conveys friendship in a surreal setting.

ISBN978-4-03-350180-2
JPY1300, 32 pages, 230x190mm

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The Little Shrew

by MIYAKOSHI Akiko

This book contains three episodes that capture the life of a little shrew. The first chapter introduces his punctual life from waking up to going to bed. The second chapter describes a television set he acquired from a secondhand shop. In chapter 3, two friends visit from a far and enjoy their reunion on a winter night. The text and illustrations are in perfect harmony which depicts the contented life of a shrew. The first illustrated story book by Miyakoshi, highly acclaimed in Japan and abroad.

ISBN978-4-03-439580-6
JPY1400, 71 pages, 210x160mm

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FICTION



I'm a Giraffe Living in Africa

by IWASA Megumi/ illus. by TAKABATAKE Jun

A lonely giraffe in Africa wrote a letter and asked a pelican postman to deliver it to someone living "on the other side of the horizon." The pelican came back to the giraffe with a reply letter from an animal called "penguin." How does the penguin look like? By exchanging letters, a giraffe in Africa and a penguin in south pole expanded humorous and wrong-way imagination towards the other... Fiction for ages 8-up

ISBN978-4-03-501040-1
JPY1000, 102 pages, 220x160mm

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NON FICTION



Burying Beetle

by TATENO Hiroshi

Hiroshi Tateno is known for his highly detailed, realistic art style of animals, insects and plants based on years of natural life observation. This picture book starts with the death of a field mouse. The mouse becomes food for numerous insects, including a burying beetle. The process of the beetle burying the mouse's corpse, laying eggs, and raising its larvae is illustrated step by step. The subdued text creates a stillness throughout the book, which leads readers into deep contemplation on the cycle of life and awe for nature.

ISBN978-4-03-437050-6
JPY2000, 36 pages, 290x250mm

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Snow the Cat

by KIKUCHI Chiki

Snow the cat goes for a walk on a cold winter day. She notices white flakes falling from the sky. "Ah, this is snow. My name is snow, too. I wonder why?" She goes around asking every animal, whether they know why she is called snow. "It's because you're pretty like snow," says the owl. "But you're pretty, too," replies Snow. They both become happy, and play in the snow... Through this picture book for all ages, readers will realize that finding simple beauty in yourself and others is the secret for happiness.

ISBN978-4-909394-97-2
JPY2500, 32 pages, 310x230mm

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French

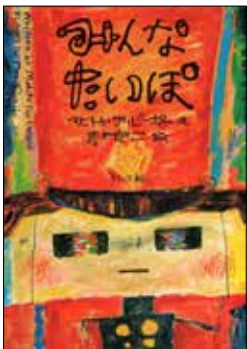


Dad Panels

by tupera tupera

Dad Panels is a set of ten A3-size, double-sided cutout panels for enhancing communication between fathers and their children. First, you choose a panel. Next, hold it against your face so that the father illustration is facing front, and stick your face into the round cutout in the middle. Say "Daddy...!" and flip the panel. "Daddy... Pineapple!" "Daddy... Underwear!" The illustrations on the backside will make you transform into ridiculous things and make children laugh. Brought by tupera tupera, an internationally renowned art duo.

ISBN978-4-909394-39-2
JPY1888, 10 pages, 400x280mm



We're All Under Arrest

by Mahito The People/ illus. by ARAI Ryoji

A police officer determined to arrest "bad people" arrests a dog who stole bread—he was poor and starving. The officer arrests a mother who used hurtful words—she was also hurt by words as a child. "Officer, please arrest words as well," says the mother. "Even if you arrest me, words will keep hurting people." How can we draw a line between good and bad, if people who do wrong are victims of another injustice? The poetic and satirical text by an alternative rock musician meets abstract illustrations by Ryoji Arai, winner of the 1999 Bologna Ragazzi Award Special Mentions.

ISBN978-4-909394-83-5
JPY2000, 32 pages, 297x210mm

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Spring Is Like...

by Minahamu

As winter comes to an end, an elementary school girl notices subtle changes around her. The warm temperature, plants on the sidewalk, vegetables in her meals and the sudden rain, all evoke different emotions which she tries to put to words. "Spring makes me unease." "Spring is yummy." "Spring feels new." "Spring is like, you can't stay the same." The girl's inner joy, anxiety and anticipation are expressed with relatable text and beautiful artwork. Written by Minahamu, one of the leading young illustrators with over 140000 followers on Instagram.

ISBN978-4-911226-16-2
JPY2000, 32 pages, 297x210mm

Night Walk With a Ghost



ISBN978-4-909394-77-4
JPY2200, 32 pages,
297x210mm



Pock, the Easy-Going Hamster

by MASUDA Miri
illus. by HIRASAWA Ippei

Pock is a personified hamster drawn in a loose, cartoonish art style. One day, him and his friend hamsters are gifted turtle cars: a turtle-shaped trailer cabin for each one. Every hamster starts cooking their favorite dishes inside his or her car—French fries, pancakes, ice cream, onigiri and so on. Meanwhile, Pock is the only one taking a nap. A brand-new title published in fall 2025 by a hit-making duo with yummy food, theme of sharing, and a lovable new hero.

ISBN978-4-911226-26-1
JPY1800, 32 pages, 262x216mm



Jump Rope on Top of a Giant Pudding

by NINOMIYA Yukiko
illus. by NAKAARAI Junko

Where is the best place for playing jump ropes? On top of a giant pudding, a giant pancake, or a plate of frozen ice cream? Spread by spread, the book tells the reader what to be careful of when playing jump ropes on delicious-looking, bizarre locations. Pudding is wobbly. Ice cream is cold. So probably it's best to play jump ropes on the top of a giant biscuit, or... simply, on the ground. Cute, light-hearted illustrations and the nonsense text combine and create a cheerful read.

ISBN978-4-7746-1160-0
JPY1300, 32 pages, 264x214mm



The Monster Kindergarten

by MOGAMI Ippei
illus. by KAWADA Kuniko

Ayumu moved to a new town and today is his first day at kindergarten. But oh no, all the kids here are monsters! Ghosts, dragons, Frankenstein and many other monsters are enjoying building blocks and origami, but Ayumu is too scared to talk to them. He hides in the corner of the classroom so he won't be noticed. Just then, a group of monsters playing rope-train comes by and asks, "Do you want to ride?" Making friends can be scary, but gather up your courage and take a step! An encouraging book for any child entering a new environment.

ISBN978-4-7746-2215-6
JPY1200, 32 pages, 260x190mm



The Forgetful Santa Claus

by NAKAGAWA Hirotaka
illus. by NAKAGAWA Takao

It's Christmas day. Santa comes to get Rudolph the reindeer to set out but wait a minute, Santa's in his pajamas! Each time Santa comes out, Rudolph gives him an eye, making it clear to the reader that Santa has forgotten something again. His hat, his boots... and of course, the presents! Reading this humorous picture book, children will have a great time trying to guess what Santa has forgotten. The reindeer's warm and accepting attitude toward Santa also adds great charm.

ISBN978-4-7746-2081-7
JPY1200, 32 pages, 210x190mm



My Little Selfish Sister

by NEJIME Shoichi
illus. by MURAKAMI Yasunari

The younger sister, lying on the futon with a red face from a fever, says, "I want ice cream." The older brother rushes out clutching a 100 yen coin, buys a cup of vanilla ice cream and hurries back. The younger sister then says, "I don't want vanilla, I want strawberry." He runs out again and comes back with a strawberry ice cream monaka. Then she says, "I don't want monaka."... For the little sister's selfishness, the older brother echoes by running around. Nejime the modern poet and Murakami the world acclaimed illustrator create a unique and highly innovative picture book.

ISBN978-4-7746-0683-5
JPY1000, 64 pages, 197x148mm



Forest Island and City Island

by NISHIKAWA Naoko

The protagonists of this book are two islands. Forest Island is covered with trees, and City Island is covered with buildings. Although very different, they are good friends. Every panel shows the two islands from one same angle, capturing the seasonal changes they undergo. The graphics are beautiful and emotional, while the text is subdued. Although the islands exchange very little dialogue, the deep-rooted affection between them is surprisingly convincing. A book based on the work chosen as one of the finalists for the Bologna Illustrators Exhibition, celebrating the beauty of living with others.

ISBN978-4-7746-2334-4
JPY1500, 32 pages, 292x195mm

KYOUIKUGAGEKI



I Want to Give That Sky to You

by KATO Yoko
illus. by TANAKA Ayuko

Mina the calico cat is feeling sad because her owner is moving to a new town and she must say goodbye to her best friend, Zebra the tabby cat. Zebra, wanting to cheer her up, tries to find her a present. "How about a necklace?" "How about a yummy fish?" He offers her many things, but nothing can make Mina happy, because all she wants is to be with Zebra. Finally, Zebra thinks of a way to let her know he will always be by her side, even when they are far apart. A beautifully touching story book that will remind readers of their loved ones.

ISBN978-4-7746-2366-5
JPY1500, 32 pages, 260x210mm



Run, Rabbit, Run!

by ARAI Hiroyuki
illus. by KOHINATA Maruko

A little rabbit chases a butterfly and loses its way in the forest. One after another, the rabbit encounters predators that try to eat her. She runs for her life from a snake, then from a wolf, and finally from a bear. When she's almost caught, a big black shadow scares away the bear – her parents and numerous animals gathered to create a monster-like shadow! A thrilling one-day adventure with a big relief at the end. The light and dark color contrast of the artwork will pull readers right into the story.

ISBN978-4-7746-2364-1
JPY1500, 32 pages, 260x210mm

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Things That Are Different, Things We Have in Common

by ARAI Hiroyuki/ illus. by DAKE Maiko

"Toshiki and I play soccer together, but we're in different school committees. Akane and I are in the same committee, but we prefer different jobs. Akane and Ryo are best friends, but they have different skin colors..." The text and illustration describe a pair of people, first showing their similarities, and then showing their differences. Dozens of pairs, rich in diversity, are introduced in different settings such as school, homes and neighborhoods, all looking happy to be themselves. A book with a message that having differences and commonalities are equally wonderful.

ISBN978-4-7743-3504-9
JPY1400, 32 pages, 238x219mm

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It Wasn't on Purpose!

by KASAI Mari/ illus. by KITAMURA Minami

After turning grade two, Rui has been bothered by his classmate Tsubasa who constantly gets on his nerves. Every time Tsubasa bumps into him or knocks off his pencil case, they get into a quarrel. Tsubasa doesn't apologize, which makes Rui annoyed even more. But one day, Rui realizes maybe there is a different side to Tsubasa than the person he is at school. While the first chapter is written from the perspective of Rui, the next chapter switches perspectives to Tsubasa. This story will help children sort out their feelings and reflect on their relationship with friends. For ages 7-up.

ISBN978-4-7743-3905-4
JPY1400, 80 pages, 217x154mm



Snow Falls

by KIKUCHI Chiki

Snow is beautiful, but harsh at the same time. It can protect lives, and other times, it can take away lives. This artistic picture book with very few words captures both sides of snow with delicate color palettes and powerful brush strokes. The text is poetic, likening the snow to “cotton candy” or a “blanket.” As the snow gets stronger, the whole world fades away till eventually nothing can be heard but “white sound.” Through the eyes of Chiki Kikuchi, an artist from snow-heavy Hokkaido, readers will get a glimpse into the mesmerizing world of snow.

ISBN978-4-593-56099-8
JPY1800, 32 pages, 250x260mm



Chiru and Piruru

by MOTOSHITA Izumi
illus. by KIKUCHI Chiki

Chiru and Piruru are long-tailed tits, small birds the size of ping-pong balls that live in snow country. In winter, they are two little girls playing in the forest. In spring, they both get married, make their own nests and lay eggs, but Piruru loses her eggs in a big storm. On the other hand, Chiru must raise eight chicks. She used to be a crybaby, but now she needs to be strong to protect her children from natural enemies... An early reader chapter book about the friendship of two bird girls with an accurate depiction of nature and animal ecology.

ISBN978-4-593-10499-4
JPY1400, 48 pages, 200x168mm



Flowers and Ghosts

by SATO Yumio
illus. by MACHIDA Naoko

Naoko Machida is known for her numerous cat illustrations and cat-themed picture books. Yumio Sato is a poet specializing in tanka, a form of Japanese classic poetry. The two artists who have been inspiring each other have come together to create a book of art and poems. “They do have names, these flowers and ghosts. Even if no one knows them.” Naoko Machida’s surreal illustrations of personified cats perfectly match Yumio Sato’s poems to draw readers into a pleasantly solitary self-reflection.

ISBN978-4-593-10533-5
JPY2500, 128 pages, 252x182mm



Cat Face!

by HIRAGI Mitsue

Let’s enjoy making different cat expressions with movable amusements! Move the cat’s ears and eyelids to make an angry face and then turn it into a troubled face. Move its whiskers, move its eyes. There are so many various expressions you can make, just by sliding your finger. An interactive book which babies can enjoy over and over again from the popular *Baby Can Move* board book series.

ISBN978-4-593-10091-0
JPY850, 8 pages, 160x160mm

Dog Face!



ISBN978-4-593-10092-7
JPY850, 8 pages,
160x160mm



The Sun Hugs Me

by KITAMURA Jin

The relaxing feeling of sitting out on a warm sunny day, basking in daylight – that's what this book conveys. On each spread, different animals are drawn with simple lines and bright colors, being showered by yellow dots representing the sunlight. The texts are hand-written and simple, each animal giving out a content sigh or a yawn as they soak up the sun. A book inviting parents and children to relax, slow down, and enjoy the moment.

ISBN978-4-87110-397-8
JPY850, 24 pages, 170x170mm



Grow Bigger

by ABE Hiroshi

A baby seal has pure white fur. A baby porcupine is covered with spines... One by one, this book shows us newborn animal babies with their parent. Some are napping, some are breast-feeding, and some are learning how to catch food. Each baby is different but equally beautiful, living at its fullest. Having worked as a zookeeper for 25 years, author Hiroshi Abe captures the distinct characteristics of each animal. A book that celebrates all living creatures and reflects the authors wish for every child to grow.

ISBN978-4-87110-361-9
JPY1000, 24 pages, 182x182mm



What's Beyond the Ocean?

by GOMI Taro

A girl imagines what could be beyond the sea. Maybe just the sea again. With some ships on it. Or maybe a city with many houses where children live, some of them are nice, some aren't. Maybe there is a beach beyond the sea. A girl is walking on the sand and looking at the other side of the sea. Just like me ... Poetic and beautiful but also grounded and witty.

ISBN978-4-87110-035-9
JPY1200, 28 pages, 238x210mm

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Panda Bathhouse

by tupera tupera

Panda, the gentle bear known for its white coat and black patches, are popular among many children. But do you know their secret? This book follows a panda family visiting a bathhouse. They enter a bath for pandas only, strictly forbidding other animals to enter. Inside the changing room, they start taking off their clothes... Get ready to witness the true identity of Pandas! This humorous picture book will bring surprises and many laughs to the readers.

ISBN978-4-87110-086-1
JPY1500, 32 pages, 266x210mm

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PICK UP

The Turtle Dove by KIKUCHI Hideo



Two boys are fascinated by the beauty of the turtle doves and have a domestic dove incubate the eggs. The story depicts the rural mountain scenery where the boys live, the care of a dove coop, cats targeting the doves, a summer spent playing in the fields, a cat attack, the death of the domestic dove, regret, the birth of the turtle dove chicks, and their departure. From the perspective of the young boy Haruto, this hymn to the rural mountain area that nurtures life is painstakingly expressed with rich, detailed pencil drawings. First published in 1981. Renowned as a masterpiece.



Don't You Know, Teacher?

by KASHIMA Kazuo/ illus. by YOSHITAKE Shinsuke

Kazuo Kashima, an elementary school teacher, exchanged journals with his grade-one home-room pupils every day. In a shared notebook, children wrote whatever that's on their mind, and Kashima responded. This book is a compilation of 54 excerpts from that notebook. Children just starting to learn how to express themselves word their thoughts in simple, frank sentences, such as "My mother loves kids who are smart, healthy, honest, listen to adults, behave well and keep promises. I give up." Some are funny, some are touching. The raw, earnest voices of children accompanied by Yoshitake's illustrations invite readers of all ages.

ISBN978-4-652-20548-8

JPY1500, 111 pages, 170x190mm

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FICTION

Ruby, the Bookshop Cat

by NONAKA Hiiragi/ illus. by MATSUMOTO Keiko

Ruby is not an ordinary cat. He was born into this world from a pile of dust that accumulated on the shelves of a bookstore called *The Book Tree*. With the help of the shop owner who takes him in, he experiences new things, meets new people and learns about the world little by little. The story focuses on Ruby's growth on his path to become the mascot cat of the bookstore. The first volume consists of 14 short chapters with illustrations on almost every spread, making it an easy read. A heartwarming fiction series for ages 8-up.

ISBN978-4-652-20262-3

JPY1500, 126 pages, 210x150mm

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Simplified Chinese, Traditional Chinese, Korean, Thai, Russian

BUNKEN SHUPPAN

FICTION

The Sorrow of Painting

by KUNIKIDA Doppo/ illus. by miya

The *Illustrated Classics* series match up masterpieces of modern literature with up-and-coming manga/animation artists. *The Sorrow of Painting* is a narrative of a young man recollecting his memories of a childhood friend, the days they spent painting together, and the sorrow of never being able to see him again. The animation-style illustrations breathe new life into this sentimental classic literature, making it appealing to children and teenagers.

ISBN978-4-580-82633-5

JPY1800, 56 pages, 194x140mm

The Nighthawk Star

by MIYAZAWA Kenji
illus. by MITSUNAGA Wao



ISBN978-4-580-82512-3

JPY1800, 64 pages,
194x140mm



FICTION

Jam-Pan, the Great Thief

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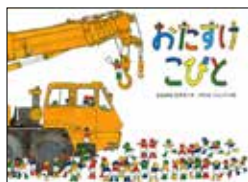
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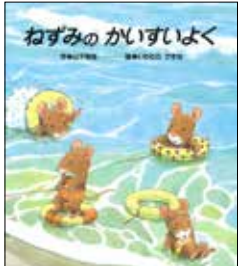
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