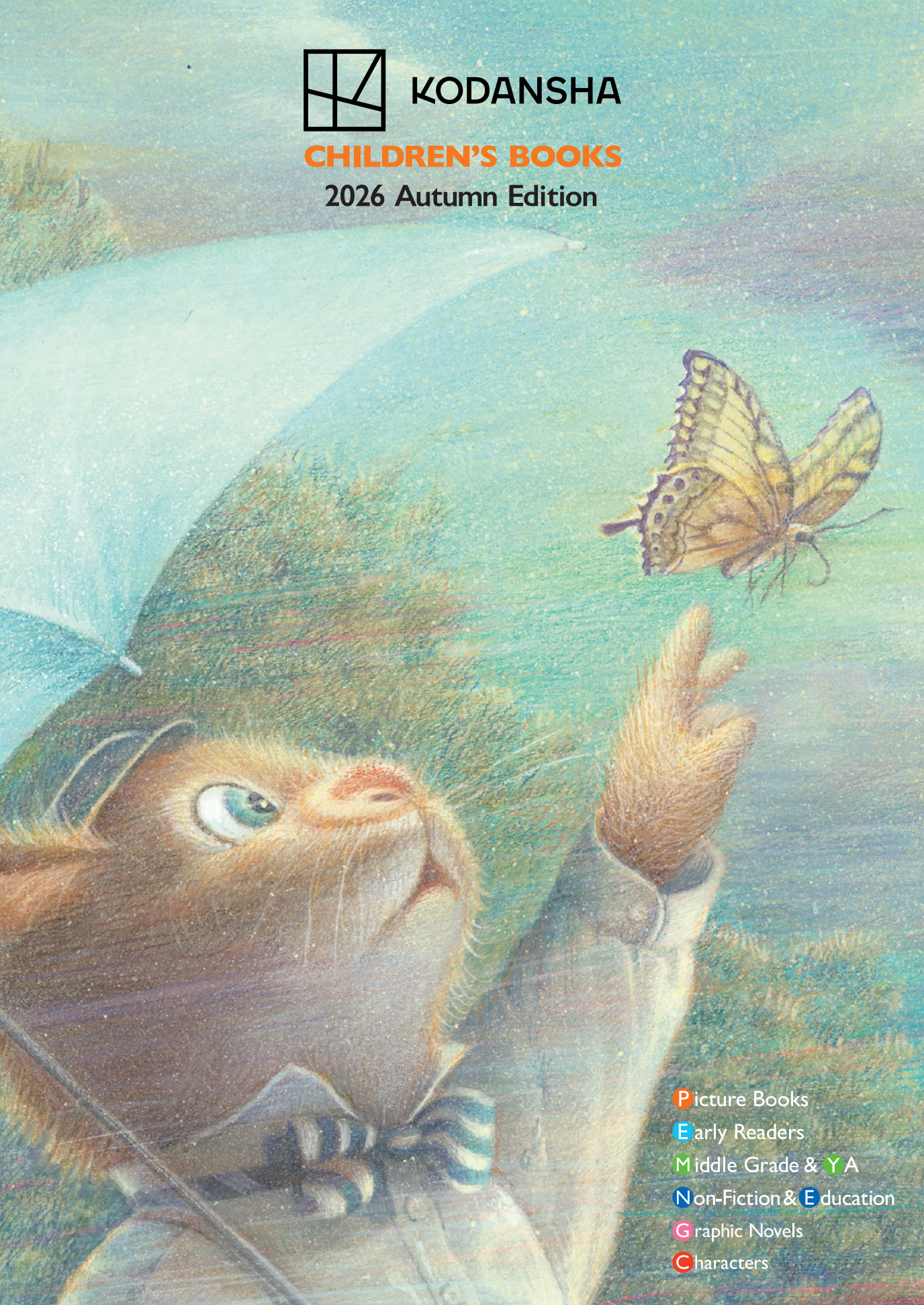




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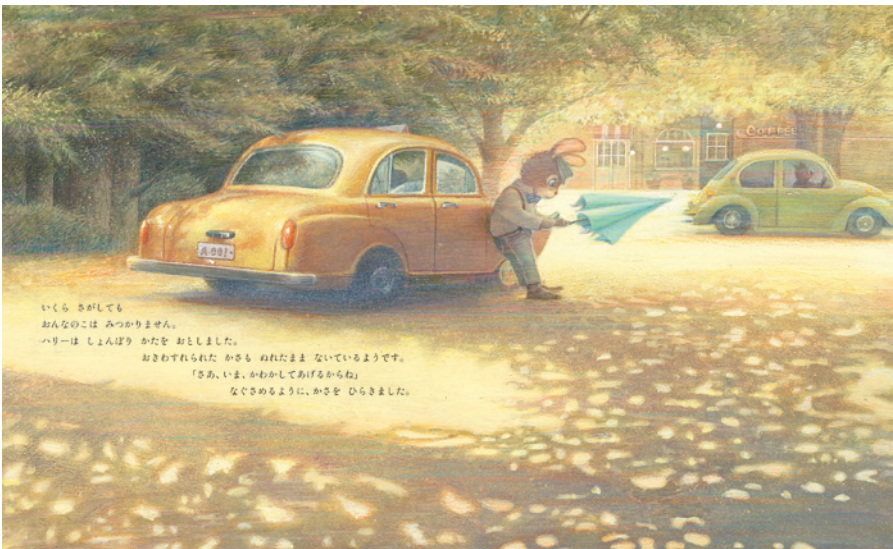
A Rainy Day Gift

NEW!



Harry is a taxi driver who loves talking with his customers. When one rainy day a young rabbit accidentally leaves her precious umbrella in his taxi, he is reminded of his very own special umbrella, and sets out on a miraculous journey to return her umbrella to her. *A Rainy Day Gift* portrays a stunning world of color and light that readers are sure to fall in love with.

Ages 5+
32 pages / June 2026
Sold: French, Korean



Author & Illustrator
Masako Ahn



An artist born 1975 in Gifu Prefecture who majored in oil painting at Tama Art University. Upon graduation, she joined Shirogumi to work in visual effects design. She has worked on a variety of films. Her picture books include *Tappu no yume* (Tap's dream), *Sora tobu densha* (The flying train), and the *Dosukoi sushi sumo* (Dosukoi sushi sumo) series, which received an anime adaptation. (All three titles are published by Kodansha.)

There's an Octopus on my Head!

NEW!

2nd Astra International
Picture Book Writing Contest,
Kodansha Award



A young boy goes to the beach for his first swim of the year and an octopus sticks itself to his head! At first, the boy isn't happy about this new addition, but eventually they become friends. The octopus shoots ink at the boy's friends when they make fun of him and helps him study with its nine brains. When the two finally part, the octopus leaves a loving message in the sand that the boy, and readers, will never forget. The long-awaited publication of this Astra International Picture Book Writing Contest, Kodansha Award winner is here at last.

Ages 5+
32 pages / June 2026
Sold: Chinese (SC), English

Original Story
Jenny Guillaume

Lives in France. She works as a university librarian and is also active as an artist. She won the Kodansha Award in the Astra International Picture Book Writing Contest with her story *There's an Octopus on my Head!* (Un poulpe sur la tête). Her fresh ideas are a welcome addition to children's literature.

Author & Illustrator
Chisato Tashiro



Born in Tokyo. After several years of office work, she debuted as a picture book author with *Chameleon's Colors*, which was published simultaneously in seven languages. She also won the 16th Japan Picture Book Award with her picture book *5-hiki no sutekina nezumi: hikkoshi daisakusen* (Holp Shuppan), published in English by minedition as *Five Nice Mice Build a House*. Her colorful and refined style is popular in both Japan and overseas.

Chisato Tashiro's Tsuntsuku Village series

This series follows the animal residents of the Mominoki Apartments on a heartwarming journey through the seasons.

Christmas Shopping



Ages 4+
32 pages / 2009
Sold: Chinese (SC)

Festival Wishes

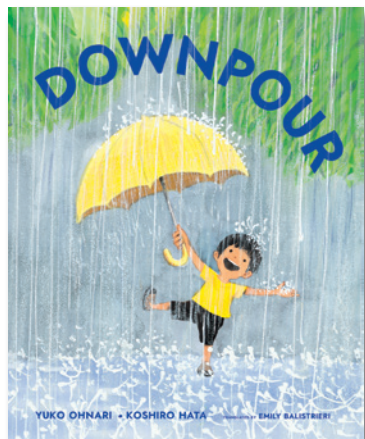


Ages 4+
32 pages / 2013
Sold: Chinese (SC)

Kon's Recital



Ages 4+
32 pages / 2014
Sold: Chinese (SC)



Ages 4+

32 pages / 2018

Sold: Chinese (SC), Chinese (TC), English, Italian, Korean, Vietnamese

Downpour

It's sooo hot! But soon dark clouds roll in. A little boy smells the sky and the ground. He listens to the rain as it begins to pour, observing all the different sounds. It feels like the water droplets are talking just to him! Koshiro Hata's illustrations revel in the joy of nature alongside Yuko Ohnari's lively text. You'll definitely want to go play outside the next time it rains.

Named a Publishers Weekly Best Book of 2025!

Chosen for the cover of The Horn Book Magazine's 2025 Summer Reading Guide!

USBBY 2026 Outstanding International Book List

2026 Preschool Blueberry Votes Award

2026 Blueberry Honor Award

Autumn Leaves

The creative masterminds behind *The Voice of the Snow* and global sensation *Downpour* are back with a new, atmospheric entry in their series of books about the four seasons. A little boy gathers crunchy fallen leaves into a pile and jumps in! Experience the joys of nature alongside the boy as he explores a vibrant autumn forest.

Ages 4+

32 pages / 2024

*Original Publisher: Holp Shuppan (Japan)

Sold: Chinese (SC), Chinese (TC), English, Korean



The Voice of the Snow

In the morning, a boy wakes up to brightness outside his window. "It's snow! Everything's covered in snow!" He races out into the quiet, snowy world. This is a book that depicts the joy of conversing with nature.

Ages 4+

32 pages / 2024

Sold: Chinese (SC), English, Korean

Writer

Yuko Ohnari

Picture book author. Works include *Dandan okāsan ni natte iku* (Gradually becoming a mother), *Momo* (Momo), *Kōfuku na shitsumon* (Questions for happiness), and *Kirei na iro to kotoba* (Pretty words and colors).

Illustrator

Koshiro Hata



Born in Hyogo Prefecture. Picture book author and illustrator. Illustrated *Kinō otōsan ga osoku kaetta, sono wake wa...* (Dad came home late last night because...) by Nobuko Ichikawa, which won the Noma Prize for Juvenile Literature.

Night Has Come

The wait is over! A vibrant new creation from Ryoji Arai.



NEW!

Ages 1+

32 pages / Feb. 2027

The band that tells my room it's night began to play. "It's nighttime! Here comes the night!" Pom! Pom! Pom! It goes around the world announcing night to a mountain town, to a big city, to an island, to someone drawing pictures, to children dancing... Ryoji Arai's highly anticipated new work is a melodic "good night" picture book with beautiful illustrations. When you read it aloud, a gentle night enfolds both adults and children alike.



photo Masanori Ikeda

The Forest of Intention



Animals have been holding a meeting for ages about what to do with some open space in the forest. The monkeys want a hot spring; a stoat wants to build something taller than a mountain; a bat wants to let ghosts move in. Everyone imagines these possibilities and agrees they are good ideas. But when a squirrel suggests that things are fine as they are... This charming work from Ryoji Arai is imbued with the fun of imagination from start to finish.

Ages 3+

31 pages / 1997

Sold: Chinese (SC)

Illustrator

Ryoji Arai

Picture book author and illustrator. In 1990, he published his first picture book, *Melody*. In 1999, he won a special award at the Bologna Children's Book Fair for *Nazo nazo no tabi* (A riddle journey, text by Chihiro Ishizu). In 2005, he received the Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award. In 2012, *Asa ni natta no de mado o akemasu yo* (It's morning, so I'll open the window) won the Sankei Children's Book Award. *Every Color of Light* (text by Hiroshi Osada, tr. David Boyd) was named a Best Book of 2020 by Publishers Weekly. In 2022, Arai was shortlisted for the Hans Christian Andersen Prize.

Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award
2005 Winner

Pihotek: Walking the Arctic With the Wind



Ages 6+ 32 pages / 2022 / Sold: English, Hindi

Writer

Yasunaga Ogita

Arctic adventurer. Has been going on mainly solo expeditions in the Canadian Arctic Circle, Greenland, Hokkaido, and other arctic areas since 2000, 17 trips in all. In 2017, he was awarded the Naomi Uemura Adventure Award.

Illustrator

Nana Inoue

Author, artist. Various things to do with books. Went to study art in the US alone at age 16. Graduated from Musashino Art University. The special edition of her book *Kuma made no osarai* (Process for becoming a little bear; Be Nice Inc.) won a Silver Medal at the "Best Book Design from All Over the World" awards in Leipzig, Germany.

The Grand Prize of
the Japan Picture
Book Award

The Chairman's
Award at Japan
Book Design Award



Animation now
available on
ANIMEHON!

A polar adventurer and prize-winning illustrator team up on this picture book depicting a day in the life of a solo adventurer walking through the polar landscape. The wind beating on his cheeks, the animals who know how to live at the North Pole, the darkness spilling from the sky, and then...?



Author

Eriko Ishikawa

Born in Fukuoka Prefecture. Her books include *Botayama de asonda koro* (When we played on Mt. Bota; winner of the 46th Kodansha Publication Culture Award for Children's Books), *Kankeri* (Kick the can; Alice Kan) and *Arara no hatake* (A field of oh dears; text by Rie Muranaka; Kaiseisha; winner of the 35th Joji Tsubota Award).

The Bookstore Cat

The bookstore cat closes up for the day and is ready to take a walk, but he accidentally leaves one window open. When characters from all different children's stories get blown away in a gust of wind, his walk turns into a quest to find them all and return them to the bookstore. Pinocchio, Cinderella, Rapunzel... Who else is stranded outside their story?

Ages 4+

44 pages / 2021

Sold: Korean, Vietnamese, Chinese (TC)



Pitch Black

Let's all try drawing what's on our minds. One boy in class colors his entire paper pitch black. But he doesn't stop there. He spends all his time coating sheet after sheet in pitch black, so everyone gets worried. What is he drawing...?

Ages 4+

36 pages / 2021

Sold: Chinese (SC), Chinese (TC),
English, Hindi, Polish, German

Author

Takuma Takasaki

Creative director, novelist. Won many international advertising awards for Ad Council Japan's 30th Anniversary commercial, IMAGINATION/WHALE. Scriptwriter and producer for Wim Wenders's film *Perfect Days*.

Illustrator

Ken Kuroi

Born in Niigata Prefecture in 1947. Graduated from the Faculty of Education, Niigata University. Picture book artist. Illustrator.



Author

Minami Kitabayashi

An illustrator from Kanagawa Prefecture who spent part of her childhood in Thailand and Singapore. Her art draws inspiration from the loneliness and isolation she experienced while living overseas. She has held exhibitions for her work in a number of countries and also done the artwork for book covers, inserts, and more.

My Own Forest

A stranger walks through the forest, completely alone. They walk under trees and next to a river, seeing wildlife everywhere they go. Drawing on her experiences living in Thailand and Singapore as a child, the author explores the feelings of loneliness and isolation that come from living in a place different than the one you've always known in this colorfully illustrated and impactful picture book.

Ages 5+

32 pages / May 2026

A Letter to Little Hedgehog NEW!



Ages 3+
32 pages / Sept. 2026

One day, Little Hedgehog visits Gramma Sheep and finds her reading something: a letter. Gramma Sheep tells him, “I feel like, when you read a letter, you can hear the voice of the person who wrote it.” Little Hedgehog has never received a letter before, so Gramma writes one to him. He’s so happy that he decides to start writing his feelings to other people, too. The kind thoughtfulness exchanged via letters is depicted in soft colors like autumn sunshine.



Little Hedgehog Plays Hide and Seek



Ages 4+
32 pages / 2024
Sold: French, Vietnamese

Little Hedgehog's Red Scarf



Ages 4+
32 pages / 2018
Sold: Chinese (TC), French, Korean, Thai, Vietnamese

Little Hedgehog's Wish



Ages 4+
32 pages / 2019
Sold: Chinese (TC), Korean, Thai, Vietnamese

Little Hedgehog's Snowhedgehog



Ages 4+
36 pages / 2021
Sold: Chinese (TC), Korean, Thai, Vietnamese

Author & Illustrator
Yoshiko Harada

From Gunma Prefecture. Got her masters in Design from Tokyo University of the Arts in 1992. In 2001, she got another MA from the University of Wolverhampton and returned to Japan.

The New Generation of Japanese Picture Books

Introducing the unique picture books that are selling well thanks to the support of young parents in Japan! Kids love hearing these titles read aloud.



Ages 3+ 24 pages / 2025

Acorns, Go! 45th Kodansha Picture Book Newcomer Award

Five acorns fall from a tree and go through the obstacle course of a lifetime. They run and they roll, they fall down with a crash, and they splash and splash through water. But will they safely make it into the ground to grow into brand new trees? This short and rhythmic picture book’s punchy prose allows children to join in on the adventure and rumble and tumble alongside their acorn friends. Perfect to read with young children.

Author & Illustrator
Naoya Hata



Udon vs. Ramen: Yakisoba Strikes Back NEW!

The follow-up to the hilariously silly battle between two of Japan’s representative noodles, udon and ramen is here! Udon and Ramen forged a powerful bond through their fierce duel. One day, Ramen shows up at Udon’s place injured after his defeat by Yakisoba. His heart set ablaze with fighting spirit by the state of his friend, Udon is determined to show Yakisoba who’s the #1 noodle in Japan.

Author & Illustrator
Rokudai Tanaka



Ages 5+ 32 pages / June 2026



Ages 3+ 32 pages / 2026

Let's Make Funny Faces!

Find a different funny face to copy on every page of this explosively popular picture book. Both children and guardians alike are sure to have a blast. This inaugural winner of the Reader Selected Picture Book Innovation Award has the charms of both a book and a game that everyone is sure to enjoy.

Author & Illustrator
Aomono Yokocho



Lili and Nene's Ghost Pancakes



Lili the squirrel and Nene the mouse love to make pancakes for their guests. One night, they meet an adorable little ghost, but when they give it some pancakes to eat, its body gets bigger and bigger... Join Lili and Nene on their evening pancake adventure!

Ages 3+
32 pages / Sept. 2025
Sold: French



Lili and Nene's Acorn Pancakes

Lili the squirrel and Nene the mouse love to make pancakes. The sweet smell attracts all the animals. Then a big bear comes along...

This is a story full of tenderness with illustrations that will work up kiddos' appetites. Tajima's style is popular in France as well as Japan.

Ages 3+
32 pages / Sept. 2024
Sold: Vietnamese, Thai, French



Author & Illustrator
Kaori Tajima

Born in Tokyo. Graduated from Musashino Art University. After working as a character merch designer, she became a picture book author. Her picture books published abroad include *NEIGE* and *Quand vient le PRINTEMPS* (Lirabelle).



THE WORLD OF YUMI SHIMOKAWARA

Introducing the unique picture books that are selling well thanks to the support of young parents in Japan! Kids love hearing these titles read aloud.

Star Hunting



Ages 3+ 32 pages / 2017
Sold: Bulgarian, Chinese (SC), French, German, Korean, Russian, Thai, Vietnamese

I Just Wanted to Say...



Ages 2+ 24 pages / 2022
Sold: Bulgarian, French, Korean, Russian, Spanish, Portuguese, Vietnamese

The Hat



Ages 3+ 24 pages / 2022
Sold: Korean, Russian, Vietnamese, French

Author & Illustrator
Yumi Shimokawara

Born in Tokyo. Started taking an illustration correspondence course with Kodansha Famous Schools in 2001 and then learned wildlife drawing at a school managed by KFS. In 2013, she won the 7th KFS Picture Book Grand Prix. This award-winning work became her debut title, *Hoshi o sagashi ni* (Star Hunting).

Tell me, Buddy



Ages 2+
27 pages / 2024

Have a Seat



Ages 2+ 28 pages / 2018
Sold: Chinese (SC), Korean, Vietnamese

I'm the Big Brother



Ages 3+ 24 pages / 2022
Sold: French, Portuguese, Vietnamese

Doing-Doing Whiskers



Ages 2+ 25 pages / 2025

Thank You, Buddy



Ages 2+ 24 pages / 2022
Sold: Bulgarian, French, Korean

Plip-Plop, Plip-Plop, Are You All Right?



Ages 2+ 28 pages / 2017
Sold: Chinese (SC), Chinese (TC), Italian, Korean

The Baby of the Family



Ages 3+ 24 pages / 2022
Sold: Vietnamese

Frannie and Melanie series

Ages 3+
36 pages

Frannie and Melanie are sisters who run a soup shop. Their delicious soup brings happiness to their customers.

Frannie and Melanie: Soup Makers of the Forest



Sold: French, Vietnamese

Frannie and Melanie: A Splendid Recital



Sold: French, Vietnamese

Frannie and Melanie: A Joyous Soup



Sold: French, Vietnamese

Min the Bear series

Ages 3+

Min is a cute little bear girl. These are stories about Min, who is the baby of the family, and her two big brothers.

Min the Bear's House



36 pages
Sold: Chinese (SC)

Min the Bear's Winter Preparations



40 pages
Sold: Chinese (SC)

Min the Bear's Christmas



40 pages
Sold: Chinese (SC)

Min the Bear and Her Flower Garden



38 pages
Sold: Chinese (SC)

Illustrator
Nami Adachi

Born in Tajimi, Gifu Prefecture. A picture book author and designer. Major works include the *Kuma no gakko* (The bear school; Bronze Shinsha) series among others.

Author
Hiroyuki Aihara

Born in Sendai, Miyagi Prefecture. A picture book author and essayist. Major works include the *Kuma no gakko* (The bear school; Bronze Shinsha) series among others.

Panda Exercise series

Ages 2+
32 pages

A tulip, a banana, a rice ball, an airplane... Have fun pretending to be all sorts of familiar things with panda friends. You won't be able to help but move your body as you turn each page. This series will enrich both your heart and your body.

Over
400,000
copies
in print

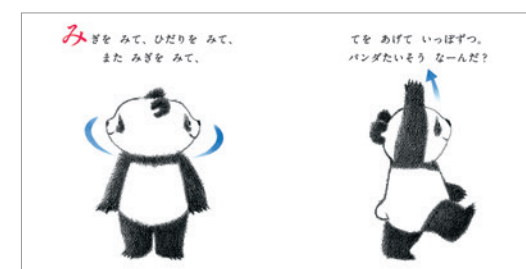


What's That Panda Exercise?

NEW!

The newest Panda Exercises book takes the form of a full-body quiz. Readers move along to cues such as "stiffly angled arms," and come up with their answer to the question, "What's that panda exercise?" The fun of exercising combines with the excitement of a guessing game. Parents and children can read together to cultivate kiddos' creativity and bodily expressiveness.

July 2026



Sold: Chinese (SC),
Chinese (TC), French,
German, Italian, Korean,
Spanish, Thai, Vietnamese



Sold: Chinese (SC),
Chinese (TC), French,
Italian, Korean, Spanish,
Thai, Vietnamese



Sold: Chinese (SC),
Chinese (TC), French,
German, Italian, Korean,
Spanish, Thai, Vietnamese



Sold: Chinese (SC),
Vietnamese

Author & Illustrator
Satoshi Iriyama

Born in Tokyo. His picture books include the *Piyo-chan* series, *Oyasumi nasai no oto* (Good night sounds), *Koro koro panda* (Roly poly panda), *Yuru yuru panda* (Rock and sway panda), *Pocketto neko* (Pocket kitty), *Masuku o tottara* (When you take your mask off), and more.

You Can Do It Too! Let's Learn!

A collection of picture books that help children learn important life skills through play.

Bath Time

I Don't Want a Bath!



Ages 3+
23 pages
2026

Author & Illustrator
Wakaru

Potty Training

Team Toilet Paper



Ages 2+
24 pages
2026

Author
Kenta Otsuka
Illustrator
Minako Kusaka

Getting Dressed

Can You Get Dressed?



Ages 4+
24 pages
2021

Author & Illustrator
Yukimi Konno

Potty Training

Are You Poopin'?



Ages 2+
26 pages
2015
Sold:
Chinese (TC),
Korean

Author & Illustrator
Hiroyuki Arai

Getting Dressed

Can You Do It? Quick Change



Ages 2+
17 pages
2019
Sold:
Vietnamese

Author & Illustrator
Yoko Imoto

Tidying Up

Jumble, Jumble, Perfect!



Ages 2+
24 pages
2021

Author & Illustrator
Yukimi Konno

Wolf's Visitor

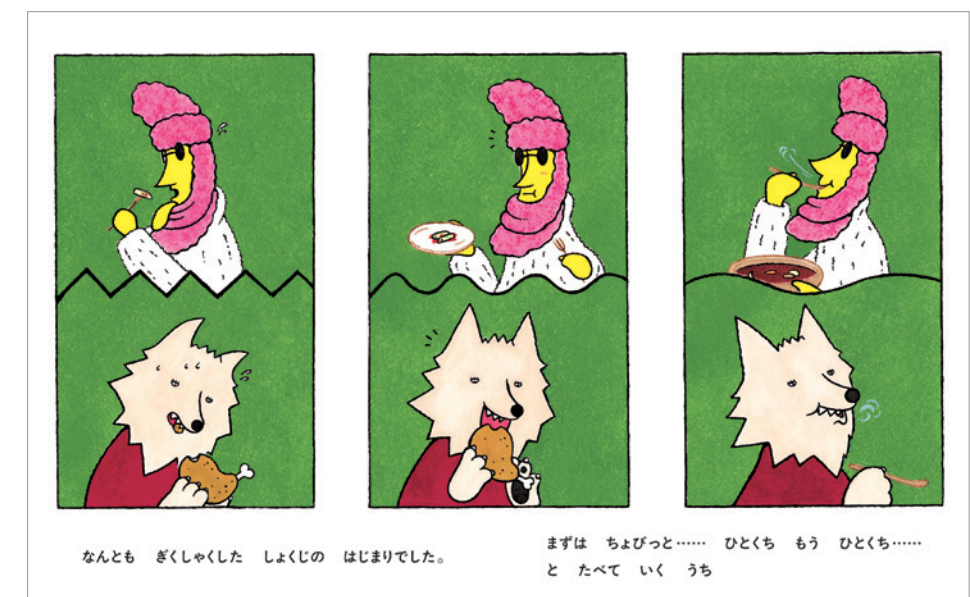
NEW!

46th Kodansha Picture Book
Newcomer Award



One night, a visitor comes to Wolf's house by the lake. They're wearing a scarf, but they're also shivering and soaked to the bone. How strange! But Wolf still offers the stranger a warm bath and something to eat, and as the night progresses, the pair begin to open up to each other. But before long, the strangers face starts to grow rounder and rounder... This comic-style picture book about two awkward strangers brings both laughs and relaxation to the table. The kids are sure to love it!

Ages 5+
32 pages
August 2026



Author & Illustrator
Tomotaro Kage

An independent illustrator from Sapporo, Hokkaido Prefecture who was born in 1983. Winner of the 46th Kodansha Picture Book Newcomer Award.

Cat Town, Dog Village Series

Ages 9+
80 pages

This series of children's books takes place in Cat Town and neighboring Dog Village and teaches children about love and care in the community.



2017

Cat Town: Lillia's Bakery

Twin cats Leo and Lulu always play with an elderly dog named Johnson, but one day Johnson doesn't want to play. He's sad because his wife died, so they ask their mother, Lillia, what they can do to help him feel better. That night, Johnson, still wide awake, hears a tapping on his window. When he checks outside, he finds an invitation to eat some of Lillia's fresh baked bread!

Cat Town: Dario's Photo Studio



2017

Cat Town: The Mystery of the Sunset Library



2018

Cat Town: The Petit Monde Hotel Halloween Party



2019

Cat Town: The Elementary School Field Trip



2020

Cat Town: Fun at the Campfire



2022

Cat Town: The Ice Cream Parlor



2026

NEW!

Author
Rui Kodemari

A novelist, poet, and children's book author born in Okayama Prefecture. Her picture book *Rui to rinden: tabi to orusuban* (Rui and Linden: a journey and staying home) was recognized by the BolognaRagazzi Award in 2009 with a Special Mention. In 2019, her book *Aru hareta natsu no asa* (A sunny summer morning; KAISEI-SHA) won the Shogakukan Award for Children's Literature.

Illustrator
Ayako Kuma

An illustrator born in Kanagawa Prefecture who graduated from Chuo University. In addition to the Cat Town, Dog Village series, she has also done the illustrations for the Sorata and Hinata series (written by Yuko Kanno; Kodansha), as well as the inserts and illustrations for a variety of other books of many genres.

Sorata and Hinata Series

Ages 7+
95 pages

This series follows Sorata, a kindhearted bear, and a fox named Hinata, who has always been alone. The cute and colorful pictures are a perfect match for this heartwarming story about two friends.



2018

Sorata and Hinata Learn to Make Friends

One day, Sorata, a very kind bear, finds a fox stuck in a big hole. The fox's family is nowhere to be found and he doesn't even know his own name. Sorata helps this young fox and names him Hinata. Through Sorata's kindness, Hinata learns what it means to love and be loved. This is a heartwarming story about two different creatures who slowly become friends.

Sorata and Hinata and the Invisible Night Sky



2019

Writer
Yuko Kanno

Born in Tokyo and graduated from Tokyo Jogakkan College. Known for her early readers series Sorata and Hinata and her series of seasonal cat picture books.

Sorata and Hinata Pass the Baton



2020

Illustrator
Ayako Kuma

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Luchika the Hedgehog Series

Ages 9+
2013-
Sold: Chinese (SC)

This popular, evergreen series filled with poetic imagination tells sweet stories about the hedgehog Luchika and his friends who live in the fantastical land of Ferié.



122 pages / 2013

Luchika the Hedgehog

Luchika the hedgehog is great friends with Saul the mole. One day the two of them, wanting to make some tasty jam, go into the forest to look for currants. There they encounter rain fish that fly through the sky and try to figure out who is playing the flute they hear...



Animation now
available on
ANIMEHON!



Writer
Yuko Kanno

See p.17

Illustrator
Yoko Kitami

Born in Kanagawa Prefecture. Her work was selected for the 2005 and 2015 Bologna International Picture Book Illustration Exhibition. In 2009, *Ru to Rinden: tabi to orusuban* (Rue and Linden: a journey) received the Bologna Ragazzi Award at the Bologna Children's Book Fair.



Mizuru's Library

NEW!



This is a book of interconnected stories revolving around a library that appears out of nowhere. Struggling mothers and daughters encounter a book with a full moon cover. The emotional circumstances in the real world of the women readers resonate with the story within a story about the warm bonds between a witch and her apprentice; loneliness is eased, disagreements are dispelled, and love is vibrantly revived. This healing mother-daughter fantasy delivers care and the courage to be yourself.

Ages 13+
207 pages
Oct. 2026

Chapter 1: The Dyer's Apprentice A daughter doubting her mother's love is able to confirm it through her mother's memories of the "full moon book" they both read when she was small.

Chapter 2: The Girl in the Crystal Ball A high schooler who feels she no longer has anywhere she belongs sees herself in a character of a story and is able to turn to her mother for help as a first step toward admitting how she really feels.

Chapter 3: Lapis Lazuli A mother reconnects with her estranged daughter after running into her and her child at the library where they are able to dispel years of bad feelings between them.

Chapter 4: Pomander A mother struggling with raising her daughter gains a new perspective by encountering diverse ways of living in a book.

Chapter 5: Mizuru The truth of the library and its librarian that cross time and space to appear is revealed through the perspective of a woman with memories of a summer spent with her stepmother.

Chapters 6-8: Further interconnected stories leading to the final resolution of the secrets surrounding Mizuru's Library.



Author
Sachiko Kashiwaba

Born in Hanamaki, Iwate Prefecture in 1953. Graduated from Tohoku Pharmaceutical University. In 1974, while still a student, she won the Kodansha Award for New Writers of Children's Literature for a work that Kodansha published as *Kiri no mukō no fushigi na machi* (translated most recently into English by Avery Fischer Udagawa as *The Village Beyond the Mist*). It won the 9th Japan Children's Literature Association Newcomer Award in 1976 and went on to become a steady seller known as the inspiration for Hayao Miyazaki's *Spirited Away*. As one of Japan's best fantasy writers, Kashiwaba's works have won numerous awards and been adapted into animations.

Sachiko Kashiwaba's early trilogy!



Ages 10+ 198 pages / 1975

Sold: Arabic, Catalan, Chinese (SC), Chinese (TC), Czech, English, French, Hungarian, Italian, Korean, Russian, Spanish, Thai, Turkish

The Village Beyond the Mist

The Japanese fantasy masterpiece that inspired Studio Ghibli's *Spirited Away*!

During summer vacation, Lina goes on a solo trip to a place where her father once traveled. Passing through a misty forest, she finds a beautiful and somewhat eccentric town. The 2025 English-language release (tr. Avery Fischer Udagawa) went back to the printers for another round almost immediately. This tale is part of a trilogy that includes *A Strange Journey from the Basement* and *Mysterious Friends Behind the Ceiling*.

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A Strange Journey from the Basement

Mysterious customers show up in the basement of Chi's pharmacy when her niece Akane goes down to get some medicine. Alchemist Hippocrates from the Sapling Season Kingdom takes Akane and Chi to "the world next door" where they renew their contract for joint usage of the cellar. Adapted as an anime film called *Birthday Wonderland*.

Ages 10+ 256 pages / 1981

Sold: French, Chinese (SC), Chinese (TC), Russian



Mysterious Friends in the Ceiling

When siblings Beni and Ryō move into a big old house, what seems like the billowing smoke of a fire turns out to be the appearance of four odd beings who take up residence in the ceiling above their bedroom. Invisible to grownups, these are the guardians of a cracked magic jar that connects to Dreamland. This tale of the adventure to repair the jar is a humorous classic.

Ages 10+ 296 pages / 1981

Sold: French, Chinese (SC), Russian



Ages 10+ 338 pages / 2011

Sold: English, French, German, Indonesian, Korean, Russian, Turkish, Ukrainian

Temple Alley Summer

In the middle of the night, Kazu wakes up with a need to go to the bathroom and sees a strange girl leaving his house. A ghost? The next day, Kazu goes to school and is surprised to find the girl in his class. Strangely enough, his classmates say that she has been in their class for a long time! As Kazu pursues the mystery, he learns that a legend of resurrection has been passed down in a temple in his town. There are ghosts who resurrect unnoticed and live among humans. This is a multilayered fantasy work that incorporates a medieval European tale within a Japanese-style narrative.

IBBY Honour List 2024 (USA) Honoree

2022 Mildred L. Batchelder Award

2022 SCBWI Crystal Kite Award

The House of the Lost on the Cape

Moeka is supposed to be taken in by relatives after losing her parents. Yurie is running away from her abusive husband. A mysterious old lady gives them a hand. This book is a fantasy themed around the 2011 Tohoku earthquake and tsunami featuring three women who end up living together as a kind of family.

A 2024 Mildred L. Batchelder Award Honoree

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Starred Review in Kirkus Reviews' 10 Essential Middle-Grade Books for Fall 2023

Ages 10+

274 pages / 2015

Sold: Chinese (SC), English, French, Russian, Thai



Ages 10+ 256 pages

2024 Book 1 of a 5-volume series

Sold: English, Korean, Russian, Vietnamese, French

When a Dragon Calls: The Curse of the Bow Witch

Ten-year-old Mia was abandoned by her mother when she was small and lives with her aunt in a poor village at the bottom of a valley surrounded by sheer cliffs. The village is known as the village of offenders, and the only way to leave is to be called by a dragon. Unlike most people, Mia is scared to venture into the outside world, but when a dragon calls her, she goes to work in the gleaming lapis lazuli palace. There, Mia is discriminated against as a "valley child" and put to work taking care of an empty room. Is the voice she hears crying at night the legendary dragon knight who disappeared after being cursed? One day, Mia realizes it's coming from a little bag, and the gears of destiny begin to turn... Sachiko Kashiwaba delivers high fantasy that is both easy to read and compelling!

Volumes 1–5 currently available; additional volumes to follow

When the Sacred Butterflies Soar



When the Sacred Butterflies Soar is not a newly written work. Between 1999 and 2001, while creating her landmark *The Guardian of the Spirit* series, Nahoko Uehashi was also creating this story—a work that would later connect to *The Beast Player*, *The Deer King* and *Kokun*. It remained a hidden piece of her creative journey, only now appearing in book form, more than twenty years after it was first written. The narrative was born from Uehashi’s desire to depict not only the bonds between people, but also the delicate and complex ties between humans and other living beings. Its setting is the “Great Dark Well,” a sacred yet fearsome sanctuary where young guardians are entrusted with protecting a sacred butterfly from monsters. At the center of the story is a protagonist who, confronted with the true nature of the sanctuary, wrestles with confusion and conflict, yet continues to press forward—refusing to abandon what is truly worth protecting.

Ages 10+ 288 pages / 2026 / Sold: Chinese (TC), French



The Beast Player



Banished from her homeland where the Toda are the army’s deadliest weapon, raised in the lonely mountains where the beautiful but savage Royal Beasts soar wild, Elin is fated to discover the lost secret of the beasts, those that must not be tamed, and unlock the political taboo that has maintained the balance of power between the forces of nature, gods, and human tribes.



Ages 11+ 326-390 pages / 2006-2009
Sold: Chinese (SC), English, French, Russian, Ukrainian

Author
Nahoko Uehashi



Nahoko Uehashi is the winner of the Jury of the International Board on Books for Young People’s 2014 Hans Christian Andersen Award for Writing. The *Beast Player* is an epic fantasy series admired for its “tenderness and a great respect for nature and all sapient creatures.”(JBBY) The *Moribito* and *Beast Player* series were animated and broadcast on NHK. Uehashi’s works are read all over the world.

A 2020 Michael L. Printz Award Honoree

A 2020 Batchelder Honoree

A 2020 GLLI Translated YA Book Prize

2014 Hans Christian Andersen Award



No.6 Series

Ages 10+
208-222 pages / 2003-2011

This nine-volume near-future survival adventure is about two boys trying to make the world more free and equal by confronting the morally bankrupt "ideal" city, No. 6.



The futuristic city No. 6 was built as the realization of mankind's ideals. Shion has lived there as an elite of the highest rank since he was two years old, but he's frustrated in such a strictly controlled environment. Everything changes for him on the night of his 12th birthday when he meets a boy who calls himself Rat... Adapted as an anime as well as a manga and for the stage.

The English versions of the anime and manga have become cult classics.



No.6 Reunited

Strong global following—fans worldwide are eager for more!

No. 6 enjoys a strong international fandom with an online presence. Now that the sequel series, *No. 6: Reunited*, has kicked off, global interest is set to reach a new peak—an ideal time for new markets to join.



Ages 10+ 224 pages / 2025

Author
Atsuko Asano



Born in Okayama Prefecture and continues to live there. She started writing children's stories while in university, debuting as an author with *Hotarukan monogatari* (The tales of the firefly inn), while working as an elementary school teacher. In 1997, she won the 35th Noma Prize for Juvenile Literature with her work *Batterii* (Battery) and won the 54th Shogakukan Children's Publishing Culture Award for the whole series in 2005. Her series *No. 6* has also received both manga and anime adaptations. Writing in a range of genres, from children's literature to historical fiction, her work is loved by all ages.





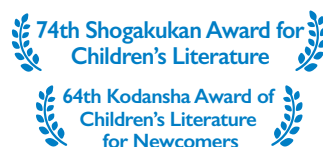
Author
Kina Hinata

Born in Nara Prefecture, living in Osaka Prefecture. Won the 66th Kodansha Award for New Writers of Children's Literature with *The After-School Corpse Club (tentative)*. She steeped in horror during her teen years and still finds watching zombie movies comforting.

I'll Carry You

Katsuki loves esports and watching his favorite streamer, King, known for his arrogant and invincible play style. But one day, Katsuki hears a voice that sounds an awful lot like King's and meets his hero for the first time—a boy named Leo who uses a wheelchair. Leo, fed up with always relying on others in the real world, promises Katsuki he'll carry him to victory in the virtual world, and the two form a team. This striking debut won both the Kodansha Award of Children's Literature for Newcomers and Shogakukan Award for Children's Literature.

Ages 11+
174 pages / 2024



Author
Mahiru

Won the 4th Kadokawa Tsubasa Bunko Novel Award in the General Category in 2015 and debuted with an updated version of the work called *Rakugaki's porisu: bijutsu no keisatsukan, hajimemashita* (The scribble police: we started an art police agency; Kadokawa) in 2016. Also won the 64th Kodansha Award of Children's Literature for Newcomers in 2023 with *Ōsama no kyari* (I'll carry you; Kodansha).

The After-School Corpse Club (tentative)

NEW!

Hiyori makes her way at school by hiding what she really thinks, while Yuki sticks out like a sore thumb. Both of them are horror fans, so when Yuki begs Hiyori to share some of the talent she exhibited in her childhood acting career, they create a secret "corpse club." The goal is to play the perfect corpses in a film by master director Yazawa. The pair bonds over their lonely pasts as they polish their dying techniques. This is a story bursting with youthful energy about two girls standing up against malice and rejection to seize a future where they can be themselves.

Ages 12+
224 pages
Oct. 2026

Case Notes of Great Detective Kiyoshiro Yumemizu Series And Then Five Went Missing



Kaoru Hayamine's Great Detective Kiyoshiro Yumemizu series began in 1994 and remains an enduring favorite among juvenile mystery readers. It's honestly hard to tell whether Detective Yumemizu is great or not, but together with the triplets next door, he unravels case after case, each involving children in some way. *And Then Five Went Missing* is the first book in the series. Child prodigies disappear one after the other from an amusement park during summer vacation. Yumemizu declares that he's solved the case but gives up looking for the kids—because he grasped the true nature of the mystery!

Ages 10+
276 pages / 1994

Over **3.6 million** copies in print

Tom Sawyer in the City Series

This exciting series follows ordinary middle schooler Naito and his genius classmate Soya on adventures that bust the boundary between games and reality. In pursuit of Soya's dream to create the ultimate R.RPG—real roleplaying game, he and Naito put their knowledge and courage to the test.

In book one, Naito and Soya find themselves involved in an event that turns out to be the prototype for "the ultimate game," fusing advanced riddle-solving with the fight to survive and played in reality. Dangerous traps and unexpected betrayal await as the pair mobilize all their smarts and wit to clear the challenges.

Ages 11+
354 pages / 2003
Chinese (SC), Korean

Author
Kaoru Hayamine



Author of the Kiyoshiro Yumemizu series, which has over 3.6 million copies in print, former elementary school teacher Kaoru Hayamine is the master of mysteries for kids where no one gets killed. His series *Tom Sawyer in the City* also has over 2.2 million copies in print. He has received the Utsunomiya Children's Award a record-setting three times.



Over **2.2 million** copies in print

Middle Grade & YA

The Blue Bird Library

Aoi Tori Bunko (The Blue Bird Library): A label established in 1980 to publish paperbacks accessible to children. The label publishes high quality entertainment for children and is home to numerous longselling works. The illustrations are part of the charm!



Hinata and Hikari

Twin sisters, one a famous idol star and the other a regular junior high schooler, secretly switch places in this entertaining series. From enjoying the spotlight and meeting other stars to the hardships and bullying youth face in classrooms, this story is filled with glamorous dreams but also the harshness of reality. Kids won't be able to put it down! The series currently has ten volumes with one side story. Publication is ongoing.

Ages 10+ 192 pages / 2022-

Sold: English, Chinese (TC)

Author

Rikka Takasugi

Lives in Hokkaido Prefecture. Earned a master's degree in Childhood Development while raising her own family. She won the 7th Kadokawa Tsubasa Novel Award in the General Category in 2019.



Werewolf Survival Game

A popular survival mystery series based on the global hit game, "Werewolf." An enigmatic earl gathers a group of junior high schoolers and challenges them to take on an escape game that could cost them their lives. The conflicts faced by the preteens, as well as their bonds, are portrayed with stunning accuracy alongside the psychological war they've been thrust into. Despite all the lies and betrayals, there's no time for doubt. They have to find a way out before it's too late in this saga for the modern age!

Ages 10+ 224 pages / 2019-

Sold: English, Chinese (TC), Korean

Author

Koori Amayuki

Born in Nagasaki Prefecture. Enjoys watching movies and walking, as well as drinking rooibos tea.

Story Masters Series

Ages 10+

160 pages

Popular author Reiko Hiroshima teams up with mangaka Natsumi Eguchi (*Hozuki's Coolheadedness*) to deliver an ambitious fantasy series bookworms will love! A demon lord is altering the world's great literature, so kids join forces with Story Masters—the authors—to enter and protect classic fictional universes. Perfect for fans of the Magic Tree House series! A manga version is kicking off on *Biblio Series*.



The Mysterious Library and the Difficult Partner

Demon Lord Grymon keeps ruining the world's stories by stealing important parts! Guarding the world's literature are the mysterious library's librarians—the Story Masters. Hinata is tasked with rescuing the world of Hans Christian Andersen's fairy tales by searching for the stolen Key Parts. And her Story Master partner is none other than Andersen himself! She's excited to immerse herself in Andersen's stories, but it turns out he's pretty hard to work with.

2022 / Sold: Chinese (SC), Chinese (TC), Korean

The Mysterious Library and Demon Lord Grymon



Which lit
Grimms' Fairy Tales

2022 / Sold: Chinese (SC), Chinese (TC), Korean

The Mysterious Library and Arabian Nights



Which lit
One Thousand and One Nights

2023 / Chinese (SC), Chinese (TC), Korean

The Mysterious Library and the Formidable Myths



Which lit
Greek mythology

2024 / Sold: Chinese (TC), Korean

The Mysterious Library and the Missing Journey to the West



Which lit
Journey to the West

2024 / Chinese (TC)

The Mysterious Library and the Decisive Christmas Battle



Which lit
A Christmas Carol, etc.

2025 / Chinese (TC)

The Mysterious Library and the Monster Mansion



Which lit
Frankenstein, Dracula, etc.

2025

The Mysterious Library Stories Are Forever...

Nov. 2026

Writer

Reiko Hiroshima

Born in Kanagawa Prefecture. Won the Junior Adventure Novel Prize for *Suiyō no mori* (Forest of the water sprite) and the Utsunomiya Children's Prize for *Korei no ori* (Cage of the fox spirit). She is best known for her Zenitendo series (Kaiseisha).

Which lit

Japanese folktales, The Tale of Genji, etc.

NEW!

Illustrator

Natsumi Eguchi

Born in Tokyo. Mangaka. Winner of the the Seiun Award for Best Comic for *Hozuki no reitetsu* (*Hozuki's Coolheadedness*).

Biblio Sirius

Biblio Sirius is an online platform where elementary school students can read middle grade comics, the majority being adaptations of popular novels. Every title is labeled with a rating to help guardians feel at ease. Below are just a few of the titles available on the platform for children to enjoy!

Discover more at: bibliosirius.com!

When a Dragon Calls



Ages 10+ 2025-



A fantasy adventure where a girl leaves the only place she's ever known after being called by a dragon. See p. 21 for details on the original series.

Manga
Renji Asai
Original Novels
Sachiko Kashiwaba
Original Character Design
Miho Satake

Temple Alley Summer



Ages 10+ 2025-

Kazu sees a strange girl leaving his house in the middle of the night and tries to unravel the mystery of her appearance. See p. 21 for details on the original story.

Manga
Yairo Nyan
Original Novels
Sachiko Kashiwaba
Original Character Design
Miho Satake

Rudolf and Gotta Bunch



Ages 7+ 2026-

This beloved children's classic is now available as a manga! A black house cat turned stray named Rudolf grows into himself and forms a bond with top cat Gotta Bunch.

Manga
Emma Saegusa
Original Novels
Hiroshi Saito
Original Character Design
Hanmo Sugiura

Hinata and Hikari



Ages 10+ 2025-

Manga
bearo
Original Novels
Rikka Takasugi
Original Character Design
Shima Mafuyu

One twin is an idol star and the other is just a regular junior high schooler, but things change for them when they switch places! See p. 26 for details on the original series.



The After-School Corpse Club (tentative)

A story about bold girls surviving in a difficult world. Pre-publication buzz led to a simultaneous manga launch on Biblio Sirius alongside the novel's release! (See p. 24 for more info.).

Ages 10+ 2026-

Manga
Chachako Mugihata
Original Novels
Kina Hinata

Here Comes the Black Witch!



Ages 10+ 2026-

Manga
Yao Todo
Original Novels
Hiroshi Ishizaki
Original Character Design
Kaori Fujita & Asami

Choco accidentally summons a black witch named Gyubid and starts her own journey to become a black witch in this bestselling series.

Story Masters The Mysterious Library: I'll Fix That Story!



Ages 10+ 2026-

What if Hansel and Gretel suddenly hated each other?! Plunged into an altered world where Grimm's fairy tales have been rewritten, Sousuke must save the story. Will he be able to restore the narrative and make it safely back to the real world? (See p. 27 for details.)

Manga
Nanashiba
Original Novels
Reiko Hiroshima
Original Character Design
Natsumi Eguchi



The Parent and Child Memory Book

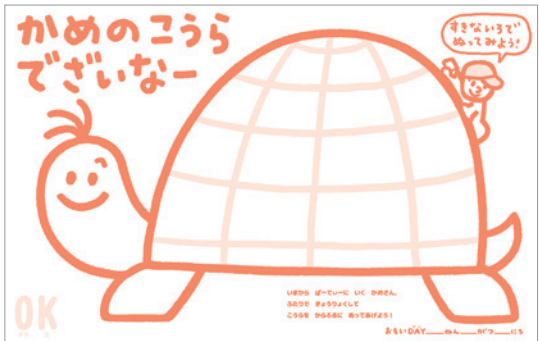


Ages 6+ 64 pages / July 2026

Author & Illustrator
Taro Ono

An illustrator from Kagawa Prefecture and father of two. His unique art style became popular on social media thanks to his distinct drawings of babies and the animated GIFs he created. He is the author of several books, including *Jinsei saisho no* (The first time; KADOKAWA) and *Akachan, akachan* (Baby, baby; Oizumi Shoten).

This hands-on book was made to be created by a parent-child team. The two have to complete activities like making fish out of fingerprints, tracing their hands and feet, switching facial features, and more in this fun, interactive book. Both parties are sure to have a blast creating a treasure chest full of memories for the future.



Learn to Draw in 10 Minutes a Day: Ultimate Edition (Ages 3-6)

This longselling hit was originally published in 2006 and teaches children the magic of drawing using the Akiyama Method. By teaching children how everything can be broken down into simple shapes, even children who struggle to draw are sure to improve. Readers will start with drawing simple lines and eventually learn how to draw animals and even vehicles. This drawing guide keeps the pressure low and encourages children to have fun drawing. There is also a sequel meant for older children and children who've finished this first volume.

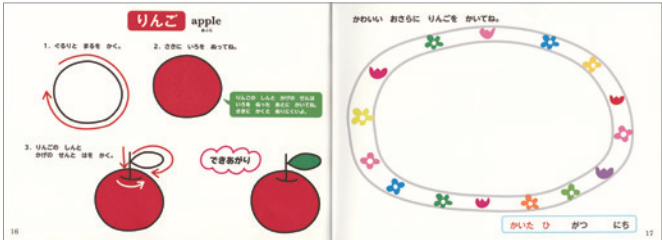
Author & Illustrator
Kazesaburo Akiyama

An artist and author born in Nagasaki Prefecture in 1948. He was recognized by the Nika Nika Exhibition on two separate occasions, receiving both the Nika Exhibition Special Award and the Silver Award. He teaches at kindergartens and other classes for children, and is popular as the creator of the Akiyama Method of teaching.



This series has sold Over **1.7 million** copies!

Ages 3+ 72 pages
2015 (First Edition: 2006)
Sold: Chinese (SC), Chinese (TC), Korean



What Is Work?



Ages 8+
36 pages / 2024 / Sold: Chinese (TC)

Chii's dad can't go to the amusement park for her birthday because of "work," but what is "work" even? Tenten Hosokawa delivers another cute, graphic-novel style picture book to unpack a concept that might puzzle little minds. Work isn't only a way to make money—it connects people to one another. Readers are encouraged to spend their time exploring things they like and are good at as a way to eventually encounter a lovely line of work.

What Is the Mind?

What sort of thing is the mind? Or the heart? Can you see it? Is it hot? Cold? Hard? Soft? We start as babies knowing nothing, then we learn words and grow into children. How does our mind come into being, and how does it change? This gentle graphic novel-style picture book explains with cute illustrations and friendly handwritten letters how we can express our feelings and get along better with our minds.

Author & Illustrator
Tenten Hosokawa

Mangaka and illustrator born in 1969 in Saitama Prefecture. Graduate of Setsu Mode Seminar. Wrote a manga essay about her husband's fight against depression called *Tsure ga utsu ni narimashite* (My partner is depressed) which became a huge sensation and was adapted for TV in 2009 and as a movie in 2011. Her *Sore de ii* (That's okay) series with interpersonal psychotherapy practitioner Dr. Hiroko Mizushima was also a bestseller. Currently she lives in Takarazuka, Hyogo Prefecture.



Ages 8+
36 pages / Apr. 2023 / Sold: Chinese (TC), Korean

Buds of Science Picture Books: Real Discoveries by Real Kids!

Ages 8+

These picture books were published to showcase winners of the University of Tsukuba's Buds of Science Prize, a contest meant to encourage scientific inquiry. They show the innate curiosity of children and the joy to be found in discovering something new.

Can A Cat Predict the Weather?



32 pages / 2026

A young researcher decides to observe her cat, Fuku, based on an old proverb that says cats lick their faces before it rains. She keeps track of her cat's grooming habits to see if they really do change ahead of rain. See how one simple question evolves into a rigorous journey of scientific discovery that expands to include tracking the weather, humidity, barometric pressure, and more!

Author
Takako Kanchiku
Illustrator
Kazue Takahashi
Original Concept
Nozomi Sakazaki

How to Stop Tomato Sauce Splatters

This entry focuses on food and one young scientist's dream of eating pasta without fear of getting tomato sauce all over her clothes. Thus begins an inspiring journey of scientific discovery, as the clever fifth-grader formulates her own hypotheses, designs custom testing tools, and conducts fun experiments to master the physics of messy eating. Can science save her favorite shirt?

Author
Takako Kanchiku
Illustrator
Minami Kitamura
Original Concept
Yuzuki Konno



32 pages / May. 2026

Are Pillbugs Maze Masters?

Pill bugs are one of children's most beloved playground creatures, but did you know they are also maze masters? Driven by curiosity to learn more about these fascinating bugs—from their anatomy to their habits—this book uses clever experiments to reveal the secret behind how pill bugs navigate mazes. Join the fun and discover the surprising science of these tiny creatures!

Author
Takako Kanchiku Illustrator
Kanayo Sugiyama Original Concept
Rui Hashimoto



32 pages / 2026



32 pages / 2026

Will It Fall or Not? Tripod Experiments

One day a little girl's piano foot stand breaks. It goes from four legs to three but, surprisingly, she finds three legs are almost as stable as four! She realizes many other things in her daily life also stand on three legs and she sets about finding out if there is something special about three legs. Through repeated making of models and numerous experiments, the secrets of three legs are revealed to her in elegant patterns.

Author
Takako Kanchiku Illustrator
Yuka Kitamura Original Concept
Akari Kikuchi

The Secret of Dandelions

A girl is surprised to learn that each petal on a dandelion is actually a flower! This sparks an interest in dandelions and she sets out to learn as much as she can, even growing some from seed. She observes first-hand the different strategies two common varieties have evolved in order to reproduce, thrive, and quietly spread all over fields and parks!

Author
Takako Kanchiku Illustrator
Kumiko Yamamoto Original Concept
Kurumi Iwata



32 pages / 2026

Protect Your Mind and Body!
Cells at Work!
Encyclopedia of Human Illnesses

NEW!

This series
has sold
over
750,000
copies!



Ages 10+ 112 pages / July 2026 / Sold: Chinese (TC)

This latest entry in the series of encyclopedias that uses illustrations from the popular TV anime *Cells at Work!* teaches young learners about the illnesses of the human body. It is a great resource for children to learn about their health in a fun way backed by science!

Table of Contents:

- Chapter 1** Illnesses Caused by Viruses and Bacteria
- Chapter 2** Diseases of the Immune System
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- Chapter 4** Diseases that Affect Organs and Their Functions
- Chapter 5** Diseases and Illness of the Brain, Nerves, and Heart
- Chapter 6** Diseases Caused by Lifestyle Choices



Learn about Anatomy!
Cells at Work!
Encyclopedia of
the Human Body

Using more than 200 illustrations from the TV anime, the characters of *Cells at Work!* teach elementary school students about the human body in an easy-to-understand way!

Ages 10+ 112 pages / 2019 / Sold: Chinese (TC)

Original Creator
Akane Shimizu
See 35P

Supervisor
Cells at Work! Production Committee,
Sirius Editorial Team

Editor
Kodansha

Cells at Work!
Picture Books 1-6



Ages 10+ 36 pages / 2020-2024
Sold: Chinese (SC), Chinese (TC), English, Indonesian, Polish, Thai, Vietnamese

The hit anime and manga *Cells at Work!* is now a series of graphic novel-style picture books!

- Vol. 1 :** The "Blood"y Battle Between Bacteria and White Blood Cells
What do your cells do when you get hurt? How do your cells fight bacteria when you get pneumonia?
- Vol. 2 :** Fearsome Enemies! Influenza and Food Poisoning
- Vol. 3 :** A New Opponent! COVID-19
- Vol. 4 :** Injections Aren't Scary! Heatstroke and Mumps
- Vol. 5 :** Familiar Ailments! The Secrets of Colds and Bumps
- Vol. 6 :** Lactic Acid Bacteria to the Rescue in Your Tummy!

Illustrator
Kumi Makimura
Born in Tokyo. Has created a number of manga and contributed illustrations to many books.

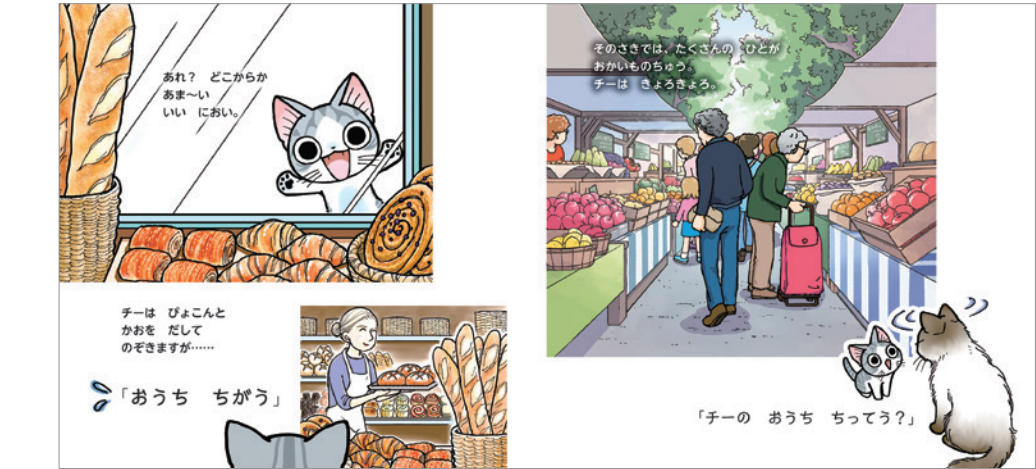
Original Creator
Akane Shimizu
Born in Tokyo in 1994. Mangaka. Winner of the 27th Shonen Sirius Newcomer Grand Prize. Her manga *Cells at Work!* serialized in Monthly Shonen Sirius and the anime based on it are popular around the world.

Chi's Sweet Home: My Cozy Corner A Picture Book



Ages 4+ 32 pages / 2025

The global comic sensation with over 3.5 million copies sold, reborn as a picture book the whole family can enjoy! Chi and her human family move to Paris, but upon arriving at their new residence, Chi runs off. This is not her home! Follow Chi as she wanders around Paris to find out where she ends up!



Author
Kanata Konami

Born in Nagano Prefecture in 1958. Known for her kindhearted and humorous stories about the daily lives of humans and animals. Her work, *Chi's Sweet Home*, has been translated and released in 23 countries around the world and also has a wildly popular anime adaptation on Netflix. Her stories *FukuFuku: Kitten Tales* and *Neko to jī-chan* (The cat and the old man) are hits across borders and generations alike.

Manga Coloring Book Series All Ages

The extremely popular coloring book series based on global manga sensations continues to grow! Each scene has been handpicked so you can dive even deeper into the worlds of your favorite stories. Add lines to the speech bubbles and color the characters in any way you choose!



60 pages / July 2026 / Sold: English, Russian

BLUE LOCK Coloring Book: Neo Egoist League Arc



CHI'S SWEET HOME Coloring Book



60 pages / 2025
Sold: German,
French, Russian,
Spanish (Mexico, Spain),
Ukrainian

WITCH HAT ATELIER Coloring Book



60 pages / 2024
Sold: English (US),
Portuguese (Brazil),
Russian,
Spanish (Mexico),
Ukrainian

BLUE LOCK Coloring Book



60 pages / 2024
Sold: Arabic (Saudi Arabia),
Chinese (SC), Chinese (TC),
English, French, Italian,
Portuguese (Brazil / Portugal),
Russian, Ukrainian

ATTACK ON TITAN Coloring Book



60 pages / 2024
Sold: English (US),
French, Italian,
Spanish (Mexico / Spain),
Ukrainian

Witch Hat Atelier

Special Anthology



In this official spin-off novelization of *Witch Hat Atelier*, follow the characters of this beloved series in three separate short stories not found in the manga! In the first story, Olruggio heads into snowy mountains to search for Qifrey after he disappears and finds something he wasn't expecting. In the second story, the apprentices of Qifrey's Atelier look after a baby dragon. In the final story, the Knights Moralis go undercover after receiving a report about abuse of magic.

Ages 10+
192 pages / 2025
Sold: English (US),
French, German,
Spanish, Vietnamese



New cover and interior artworks
specially created by Kamome Shirahama!

Original Story & Cover Artist Kamome Shirahama

Manga creator and illustrator. Graduated from Tokyo University of the Arts. Her manga, *Witch Hat Atelier*, has been serialized in *Morning Two* magazine since 2016. It won both the Eisner Award for Best U.S. Edition of International Material—Asia and the Harvey Award for Best Manga in 2020.

Isagi, Nagi, & Bachira Before the Fight: A Blue Lock Novel

In this spin-off novelization of the popular manga series, *Blue Lock*, readers can see what their favorite characters were doing before they joined the Blue Lock training program. Three other volumes explore other characters' pasts.

Ages 10+ 208 pages / 2022
Sold: Chinese (SC), Chinese (TC), French, Indonesian, Italian, Korean, Thai

Original Story & Cover Artist Muneyuki Kaneshiro

Original Manga Character Design
Yusuke Nomura

Author Momo Moegi

Illustrations
Kota Sannomiya



Author Jun Esaka

Born in Kanagawa Prefecture. Some of her notable works consist of the *Naruto Retsuden* series and *ONE PIECE Novel: Heroines*.

STUDIO GHIBLI

The Complete Works Expanded Edition



In this expanded edition, new entries about *The Boy and the Heron*, as well as information about the Ghibli Park and Ghibli Museum, Mitaka have been added. There are also new additions about short works that can only be seen at the park and museum! Packed full of analyses of various Ghibli works, character charts, and more, this is an essential book for any Ghibli fan!

All Ages
176 pages / 2024
Sold: Chinese (SC), Chinese (TC),
English, French, Italian, Korean,
Polish, Spanish, Vietnamese

