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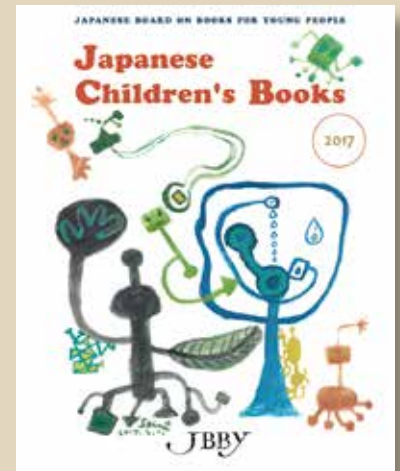
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JBBY is dedicated to enhancing international understanding, and to providing information on children's books to people around the world. We promote IBBY's mission in a broad range of ways. Our international network allows us to take advantage of the prolific information generated by IBBY and to encourage mutual understanding. Our mission is to create a peaceful future for children through books.

JBBY hosts international book exhibitions in Japan that provide information about global titles to Japanese readers. In addition, we provide information on Japanese children's books to people around the world. We nominate titles for international recognition, as a means to deepen global understanding towards Japan.

In this catalog, we introduce Japanese winners of and nominees for the Hans Christian Andersen Awards. In addition, we describe recent Japanese books recommended by a JBBY committee in several categories: picture books, nonfiction, and chapter books and novels. Our committee has also chosen to highlight wordless books, and books about peace.

We list these books by category and in order of target age. We include cover images and synopses along with bibliographic information. We hope you will enjoy reading about these books, most of which were published in 2016. For rights status or other information, please contact us: info@jbbby.org



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