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This pamphlet introduces children's books that were published in Japan between July 2024 and April 2025, and discussed and carefully selected by veteran members of JBBY (Japan's Section of IBBY).

This is a yearly pamphlet curated by JBBY to introduce superb Japanese children's titles abroad. We provide the books in 3 categories: picture books, chapter books and novels, and nonfiction.

The selection of the books was made after rigorous consultation and consideration by experts who have been involved in children's books for many years, based on the points below:

- contain fine content representative of Japan
- enable children to explore Japanese cultures and the real lives of children in Japan
- worthy of translation overseas
- worthy of further introduction to children, caregivers, libraries, and publishing professionals in Japan

We hope that our pamphlet will help you discover recent children's titles from Japan.

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Kazumi UNO, JBBY President

● Synopses in English of the selected titles are available via the QR code below.



● The foreign rights contact is listed for each title. To obtain reading copies or information, kindly get in touch directly.

● **About JBBY**

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Picture Books

1 Off to the Mountains / Off to the Sea

うみへ やまへ
 Text/ Ill. Taro MIURA
 | Kaisei-sha Publishing Co., Ltd.
 | 2024 | 38pp
 | 28×24cm | ISBN 978-4-03-350380-6
 | Ages: 3+ | *Travel, Vehicles, Family*

Contact foreign@kaiseisha.co.jp
 attn. Ms. Yuko NONAKA / Editorial dept. / Kaisei-sha



2 Staying Home Alone

おるすばん
 Text/ Ill. Yoko MORI
 | Fukuinkan Shoten Publishers, Inc. | 2024
 | 32pp | 27×20cm
 | ISBN 978-4-8340-8819-9 | Ages: 3+
 | *Home alone, Anxiety, Antiques*

Contact international-rights@fukuinkan.co.jp
 attn. Ms. Yoko UESUGI / International-rights / Rights & Permission Dept / Fukuinkan



3 A Grain of Cooked Rice and a Grain of Uncooked Rice

ごはんのつぶとおこめをつぶ
 Text: Yukiko NINOMIYA
 | Ill. Hiroshi ITO
 | Alicekan Ltd. | 2024
 | 32pp | 23×20cm
 | ISBN 978-4-7520-1112-5 | Ages: 3+
 | *Nonsense, Rice, Friends*

Contact nishida@alicekan.com
 attn. Ms. Kikue NISHIDA / Editorial Dept. / Alicekan



4 Come See Us at the Aquarium

すいぞくかんであいましよう
 Text/ Ill. Mika KOSHIDA
 | BL.Shuppan | 2024 | 32pp
 | 27×22cm | ISBN 978-4-7764-1136-9
 | Ages: 3+ | *Sea creatures, Machines, Meals*

Contact yurika@jfc-tokyo.co.jp
 attn. Ms. Yurika YOSHIDA / Japan Foreign Rights Centre



5 Mayu & Monster Bukabukaboo - A Story of a Witch's Daughter

まゆとブカブカブー
 Text: Yoko TOMIYASU
 | Ill. Nana FURIYA
 | Fukuinkan Shoten Publishers, Inc. | 2024 | 32pp
 | 20×27cm | ISBN 978-4-8340-8806-9
 | Ages: 3+ | *Forest, Adventure, Mushrooms*

Contact international-rights@fukuinkan.co.jp
 attn. Ms. Yoko UESUGI / International-rights / Rights & Permission Dept. / Fukuinkan



6 The Voice of the Snow

ゆきのこえ
 Text: Yuko ONARI
 | Ill. Koshiro HATA
 | KODANSHA Ltd. | 2024 | 32pp
 | 26×21cm | ISBN 978-4-06-537471-9
 | Ages: 3+ | *Snow, Play*

Contact m-kitaoka@kodansha.co.jp
 attn. Mr. Morio KITAOKA / International Rights Dept. / Kodansha



7 Where do Stories Come From?

Folktales from South Africa
 おはなしはどこからきたの?
 南アフリカのむかしばなし
 Text: Yumiko SAKUMA
 | Ill. Hana HOTATE
 | BL.Shuppan | 2024 | 33pp | 30×22cm
 | ISBN 978-4-7764-1150-5 | Ages: 7+ | *Folktales, Animals, Ocean, Africa*

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 attn. Ms. Yurika YOSHIDA / Japan Foreign Rights Centre



8 Lattatta All Day Today

きょういちにちのラッタッタ!
 Text/ Ill. Ryoji ARAI
 | Puppets Samiro YUNOKI | Alicekan Ltd. | 2024 | 32pp
 | 28×22cm | ISBN 978-4-7520-1077-7
 | Ages: 7+ | *Puppets, Music, Theater*

Contact nishida@alicekan.com
 attn. Ms. Kikue NISHIDA / Editorial Dept. / Alicekan



9 I Am Here

ぼくがここに
 Poem: Michio MADO
 | Ill. Satoshi KITAMURA
 | Rironsha | 2024 | 32pp | 28×23cm
 | ISBN 978-4-652-20660-7 | Ages: 7+ | *Elephant, Earth, Self*

Contact rights@rironsha.co.jp



10 How Wonderful!

よかったなあ
 Poem: Michio MADO
 | Ill. Azumimushi
 | Rironsha | 2024 | 32pp | 28×23cm
 | ISBN 978-4-652-20633-1 | Ages: 7+ | *Poetry, Nature*

Contact rights@rironsha.co.jp



11 A Thousand Toads and a Thousand Fish

ガマ千びき イワナ千びき
 Text: Ippei MOGAMI
 | Ill. The Cabin Company | Bunkeido Co., Ltd. | 2025 | 32pp
 | 26×22cm | ISBN 978-4-7999-0552-4 | Ages: 9+ | *Japanese common toad, Char, Waterfall*

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 attn. Ms. Rie YAMADA / Tokyo Office / Bunkeido



12 Guiana Night Flight

ギアナ・夜間飛行
 Text/ Ill. Hiroshi ABE | Nora-Shoten Publishers Inc. | 2024 | 33pp
 | 21×27cm | ISBN 978-4-905015-77-2
 | Ages: 9+ | *South America, Siblings, Adventure, Nature*

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13 The Song of the Forest

森の歌がきこえる
 Text/ Ill. Seizo TASHIMA | Object Leuthmany INSIENGMAI
 | Kaisei-sha Publishing Co., Ltd. | 2024 | 37pp | 26×26cm | ISBN 978-4-03-352190-9 | Ages: 9+ | *Forest, Spirit, Medicinal herbs, Weaving*

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 attn. Ms. Yuko NONAKA / Editorial Dept. / Kaisei-sha



14 Promise: We Will Not Go to War

やくそく
 ぼくらはぜったい戦争しない
 Text: Masamoto NASU | Ill. Miho TAKEDA | Poplar Publishing | 2025 | 32pp | 27×22cm
 | ISBN 978-4-591-18427-1 | Ages: 9+ | *War, Family, Memory*

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 attn. Mr. Takashi OMURA / Overseas Business Division / Poplar



15 Ahmad the Brave

An Iranian Folktale
 勇士アフマド
 イランのむかしばなし
 Text: Keiko AIKO
 | Ill. Kosuke AJIRO
 | BL.Shuppan | 2025 | 33pp | 30×22cm
 | ISBN 978-4-7764-1159-8 | Ages: 9+ | *Bravery, Battle, Fortune*

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Chapter Books and Novels

17 Something About You Is Different, Inu-ue

Inu-ue and Kumazawa 7
 いぬうえくとくまざわくん7
 なんだがちがういぬうえくん
 Text/ Ill. Yoko KITAYAMA | Akane Shobo | 2025 | 79pp
 | 21×16cm | ISBN 978-4-251-00797-1 | Ages: 7+ | *Friends, Dog, Bear*

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 attn. Ms. Solan NATSUME / Tuttle-Mori Agency



18 Grasshopper Apartments

バッタマンション
 Text: Kana KITAGAWA
 | Ill. Kyupodo | Alicekan Ltd. | 2024 | 84pp | 19×16cm
 | ISBN 978-4-7520-1114-9 | Ages: 7+ | *Apartment, Insects, Bookstore, Fish mint tea*

Contact nishida@alicekan.com
 attn. Ms. Kikue NISHIDA / Editorial Dept. / Alicekan



19 Our Clean Freak Alien

うちのキチント星人
 Text: Madoka SATO
 | Ill. Ikumi NAKATA
 | Froebel-kan Co., Ltd. | 2024 | 160pp
 | 21×16cm | ISBN 978-4-577-05296-9
 | Ages: 9+ | *Differences, Understanding, Family*

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20 Secret Places in Kosoado Woods

Other Stories of Kosoado Woods
 こそあどの森の物語
 こそあどの森のみひつの場所
 Text/ Ill. Jun OKADA
 | Rironsha | 2024 | 127pp | 21×16cm
 | ISBN 978-4-652-20607-2 | Ages: 9+ | *Secret, Mystery, Woods*

Contact rights@rironsha.co.jp



21 A Small Flower Blooms

ちいさな花咲いた
 Text: Hiiragi NONAKA
 | Ill. Rei KURAHASHI
 | Kinno Hoshi Sha Co., Ltd. | 2024 | 176pp
 | 20×14cm | ISBN 978-4-323-05500-8
 | Ages: 9+ | *Plants, Animals, Seasons, Life*

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 attn. Mr. Shigeki NOMURA / Foreign Rights Manager / Kinno Hoshi Sha



22 Railroad Crossing Penguins

ふみきりペンギン
 Text/ Ill. Yume OKUHARA | Akane Shobo | 2024 | 111pp
 | 22×16cm | ISBN 978-4-251-07316-7
 | Ages: 9+ | *Friends, Family, Being yourself*

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 attn. Ms. Solan NATSUME / Tuttle-Mori Agency



23 A Collection of Japanese Folktales

Peach Boy and Other Stories
 The Fights between the Monkey and the Crab and Other Stories
 よりぬぎ日本の昔話
 ももたろうほか さるかにかっせんほか
 Retelling: Toshio OZAWA | Fukuinkan Shoten Publishers, Inc. | 2025 | 120pp each | 18×14cm
 | ISBN 978-4-8340-8822-9 | ISBN 978-4-8340-8823-6 | Ages: 9+ | *Traditional folk tales*

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24 Don't Get It!

わたし、わかんない
 Text: Joko IWASE
 | Ill. Komako SAKAI
 | KODANSHA Ltd. | 2025 | 224pp
 | 20×14cm | ISBN 978-4-06-538952-2
 | Ages: 9+ | *Parents and children, School, Friends*

Contact m-kitaoka@kodansha.co.jp
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25 Cafe Snow Dome

カフェ・スノードーム
 Text: Mutsumi ISHII
 | Ill. Sanae SUGIMOTO
 | Alicekan Ltd. | 2024 | 160pp | 20×14cm
 | ISBN 978-4-7520-1119-4 | Ages: 11+ | *Cafe, Bookstore, Memory*

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26 Someday I Will

この手はいつか
 Text: Seiko NAKAYAMA
 | Ill. Toshimasa YASUMITSU | Bunken Shuppan | 2025 | 224pp | 20×14cm
 | ISBN 978-4-580-82669-4 | Ages: 11+ | *Pottery, Bullying, Grandfather*

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 attn. Ms. Haruka IKUTA / Bunken Shuppan



27 The Poet Postmaster

しじんのゆうびんやさん
 Text: Rin SAITO
 | Ill. Yasuyoshi BOTAN
 | Kaisei-sha Publishing Co., Ltd. | 2024 | 130pp
 | 20×14cm | ISBN 978-4-03-643260-8
 | Ages: 9+ | *Post office, Postmaster, Letters, Poems*

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 attn. Ms. Yuko NONAKA / Editorial Dept. / Kaisei-sha



28 Throw a White Rainbow

白い虹を投げる
 Text: Mariko YOSHINO | Gakken Inc. | 2025 | 232pp
 | 20×14cm | ISBN 978-4-05-206059-5
 | Ages: 11+ | *Teams, Baseball, Family, Foreign roots*

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 attn. Ms. Chiho SHIBATA / Global IP Dept. / Gakken Inc.



29 The Foxes of the Hatsune Family

初音一族のキツネたち
 Text: Yoko TOMIYASU
 | Ill. Kenya OBA
 | Kaisei-sha Publishing Co., Ltd. | 2024 | 278pp
 | 20×14cm | ISBN 978-4-03-644120-4
 | Ages: 11+ | *Foxes, Fantasy, Relatives, Marriage*

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30 Who's Been Naughty This Year?

ワレいこいねが
 Text: Mikie ANDO
 | Ill. Nonoko SATO
 | KODANSHA Ltd. | 2024 | 192pp
 | 20×14cm | ISBN 978-4-06-536020-0
 | Ages: 11+ | *Namahage, Changing schools, Death*

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 attn. Mr. Morio KITAOKA / International Rights Dept. / Kodansha



31 Warm Hands - The Story of Nanohana Osteopathic Clinic

あたたかな手
 なのはな整骨院物語
 Text: Kyoko HAMANO
 | Kaisei-sha Publishing Co., Ltd. | 2025 | 206pp
 | 19×13cm | ISBN 978-4-03-727490-0
 | Ages: 13+ | *Osteopathy, Relationships*

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 attn. Ms. Yuko NONAKA / Editorial Dept. / Kaisei-sha



32 Poems for After School

放課後によむ詩集
 Edit./Text: Masayo KOIKE | Rironsha | 2024 | 144pp
 | 17×13cm | ISBN 978-4-652-20636-2
 | Ages: 13+ | *Poetry, Poetry anthology, Solitude, After school*

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33 Unripe Family

みかんファミリー
 Text: Michiko NAZUKI
 | KODANSHA Ltd. | 2024 | 256pp
 | 20×14cm | ISBN 978-4-06-536492-5
 | Ages: 13+ | *Family, Friendship, Traditional houses, Women*

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 attn. Mr. Morio KITAOKA / International Rights Dept. / Kodansha



34 Halo-Halo

ハロハロ
 Text: Ayako KOMATSU
 | Ill. Aimi IWAI
 | KODANSHA Ltd. | 2024 | 190pp
 | 20×14cm | ISBN 978-4-06-537068-1
 | Ages: 13+ | *Philippines, Sweets, Friendship*

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 attn. Mr. Morio KITAOKA / International Rights Dept. / Kodansha



35 **Youngtimers' Counseling Corner**
ヤングタイムズのお悩み相談室
Text: Hirochika ISHIKAWA | Ill. Kento IIDA | Kumon Shuppan | 2024 | 200pp | 20×14cm | ISBN 978-4-7743-3793-7 | Ages: 13+ | *Radio, Worries, Middle school students*



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Ms. Shizu TAKAGI / Kumon Shuppan

40 **When a Whale Dies**
クジラがしんだら
Text: Eri EGUCHI | Ill. Shun'ichi KAWASAKI | Expert Adv. Yoshihiro FUJIWARA | DOSHINSHA PUBLISHING, CO., LTD. | 2024 | 40pp | 25×26cm | ISBN 978-4-494-01599-3 | Ages: 7+ | *Whales, Deep sea creatures, Life*



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46 **Exploring the World of Fermented Soybeans "Natto"**
世界の納豆をめぐる探検
Text/Photos: Hideyuki TAKANO | Ill. Sukeariko Fukuinkan Shoten Publishers, Inc. | 2024 | 48pp | 26×20cm | ISBN 978-4-8340-8810-6 | Ages: 9+ | *Fermented beans, Natto, Cooking, Asia, Africa*



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51 **Even Children Became Soldiers**
子どもも兵士になった
沖繩・三中学徒隊の戦世
Text: Kazuko MANABE | Ill. Mitsuihiro TAYA | DOSHINSHA PUBLISHING, CO., LTD. | 2025 | 239pp | 20×14cm | ISBN 978-4-494-02089-8 | Ages: 13+ | *War, Okinawa, Student soldiers*



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attn. Ms. Yurika YOSHIDA / Japan Foreign-Rights Centre

Nonfiction

41 **There's a Ladybug!**
テントウムシみつけ!
Struct./Text: Masaki SATONAKA | Tokuma Shoten Publishing Co., Ltd. | 2025 | 32pp | 18×26cm | ISBN 978-4-19-865975-2 | Ages: 7+ | *Insects, Observation, Raising*



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47 **So That's How It Is! Snails and Slugs**
そうだったのか!カタツムリとナメクジ
Text: Yasuko SHIMADA | Ill. Koshiro HATA | DOSHINSHA PUBLISHING, CO., LTD. | 2025 | 135pp | 22×15cm | ISBN 978-4-494-02084-3 | Ages: 9+ | *Ecology, Breeding, Evolution*



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52 **Ten Things to Know as You Become an Adult: How to Overcome Difficulty and Love Yourself**
これから大人になるあなたに伝えたい10のこと
自分を愛し、困難を乗り越える力
Text: Sahel Rosa | DOSHINSHA PUBLISHING, CO., LTD. | 2024 | 223pp | 20×14cm | ISBN 978-4-494-02085-0 | Ages: 13+ | *Autobiography, Bullying, Discrimination*



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36 **Japanese New Year dishes**
おせち
Text/Ill. Yumi UCHIDA | Cooking: Kuniko MITSUDOME | Expert Adv. Yasuko MIURA | Fukuinkan Shoten Publishers, Inc. | 2024 | 32pp | 20×27cm | ISBN 978-4-8340-8813-7 | Ages: 3+ | *Tradition, Cuisine, New Year*



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42 **Friends**
Words to See, Words to Touch
みることば さわれることば
手話えほん2
ともだち
Text/Ill. Kanayo SUGIYAMA | Expert Adv. Masako YOSHIOKA | Asunaro-Shobo Publishing Co., Ltd. | 2024 | 60pp | 17×17cm | ISBN 978-4-7515-3222-5 | Ages: 7+ | *Sign language, Conversation, Deafness*



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48 **Living Together**
Japanese Black Mountain Bears
ともに生きる山のツキノワグマ
Text/Photos: Takayuki MAEKAWA | Akane Shobo | 2024 | 32pp | 26×19cm | ISBN 978-4-251-09977-8 | Ages: 9+ | *Coexistence, Bears, Nature*



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53 **Problem-Solving Handbook for Teens Facing Barriers: Hints for Living as Yourself**
障害のある10代のための困りごと解決ハンドブック
あなたがあなたらしく生きるためのヒント
Edit./Text: Akina NOGUCHI, Megumi MATSUNAMI | GENDAI SHOKAN PUBLISHING CO., LTD. | 2025 | 256pp | 21×15cm | ISBN 978-4-7684-3611-0 | Ages: 13+ | *Disabilities, Hardship, Problem-Solving*



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37 **Precious Eggs**
たいせつなたまご
Text/Photos: Kitchen Minoru | Hakusensha | 2024 | 24pp | 21×21cm | ISBN 978-4-592-76350-5 | Ages: 3+ | *Poultry farming, Labor, Food, Life*



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43 **Always Together with Others**
The Life of the Long-tailed Tit
いつも仲間といっしょエナガのくらし
Text: Narisa TOGO | Photos: Yoshiteru EGUCHI | Bun-ichi Sogo Shuppan Co., Ltd. | 2024 | 48pp | 26×18cm | ISBN 978-4-8299-9021-6 | Ages: 9+ | *Wild birds, Seasons, Families*



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49 **We Live in a Vast Ocean**
ひろい海にぼくたちは
生きている
Text/Photos: Hiromi NAGAKURA | Alicekan Ltd. | 2024 | 50pp | 26×23cm | ISBN 978-4-7520-1122-4 | Ages: 9+ | *Sea, Freedom, Nature*



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54 **Series: Thinking Between**
Connecting with a Neighboring Country
シリーズ「あいだで考える」
隣の国の人々と出会う
Text: Mariko SAITO | Sogensha | 2024 | 160pp | 17×13cm | ISBN 978-4-422-93118-0 | Ages: 13+ | *Korean language (North Korean language), Words, Poetry*



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50 **If I Lose My Leg Tomorrow**
もしも明日、ぼくの足がなくなったら
Text: Izumi FUNASAKI | Gakken Inc. | 2025 | 192pp | 20×14cm | ISBN 978-4-05-205721-2 | Ages: 11+ | *Disabilities, Prostheses, Sports*



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38 **Dandelions Love People**
たんぽぽはひとがすき
Photos: Shabou HANI | Text Yasuko SHIMADA | Poplar Publishing | 2025 | 42pp | 21×26cm | ISBN 978-4-591-18508-7 | Ages: 3+ | *Weeds, Seasons, Flowers*



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44 **Transporting Giant Stones!**
Crossing the Sea to Osaka Castle
巨石運搬!
海をこえて大阪城へ
Text/Ill. Ayumi KAMATA | Alicekan Ltd. | 2024 | 36pp | 27×22cm | ISBN 978-4-7520-1121-7 | Ages: 9+ | *Castles, Stone walls, Technology*



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39 **Amazing Ice Shapes**
つめたいこおり
どんなかたち?
Photos: Masayo HOSOJIMA | Struct./Text: Hidenobu UICHI | IWASAKI Publishing Co., Ltd. | 2024 | 32pp | 25×19cm | ISBN 978-4-265-83153-1 | Ages: 3+ | *Water, Temperature, Nature*



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45 **Mushroom Munchers: The Fascinating World of Non-Photosynthetic Plants**
「植物」をやめた植物たち
Text/Photos: Kenji SUETSUGU | Fukuinkan Shoten Publishers, Inc. | 2024 | 40pp | 26×20cm | ISBN 978-4-8340-8811-3 | Ages: 9+ | *Photosynthesis, Plants, Survival strategies*



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- Chapter Books and Novels
- Nonfiction

Helloo There!
おーい
Text/Ill. Anz KANIE | Holp Shuppan Publications, Ltd. | 2024 | 28pp | 25×25cm | ISBN 978-4-593-10475-8 | Ages: 3+ | *Nonsense, Animals, Hole*



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Auntie Rice at Reading Time
朝読みのライスおばさん
Text Yuko NAGAE | Ill. Satomi MIZUUCHI | Rironsha | 2024 | 190pp | 19×14cm | ISBN 978-4-652-20659-1 | Ages: 11+ | *Reading, Parents and guardians, Newspapers*



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A Long Line at the Playground
せっせせせ
Text/Ill. Kazumi HANAYAMA | Fukuinkan Shoten Publishers, Inc. | 2024 | 24pp | 22×21cm | ISBN 978-4-8340-8808-3 | Ages: 3+ | *Nonsense, Mountains, Sand*



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Bumping into Asako-chan
思いがけず、朝子ちゃん
Text: Yu TAKAMURA | Ill. Yayoi SEKI | DOSHINSHA PUBLISHING, CO., LTD. | 2025 | 247pp | 20×14cm | ISBN 978-4-494-02087-4 | Ages: 11+ | *Middle school students, Florists, Worries*



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A Walk with Dad
パパさんぽ
Text/Ill. Chiki KIKUCHI | BUNKEIDO Co., Ltd. | 2025 | 24pp | 21×19cm | ISBN 978-4-7999-0551-7 | Age 3+ | *Bear, Father, Walking*



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