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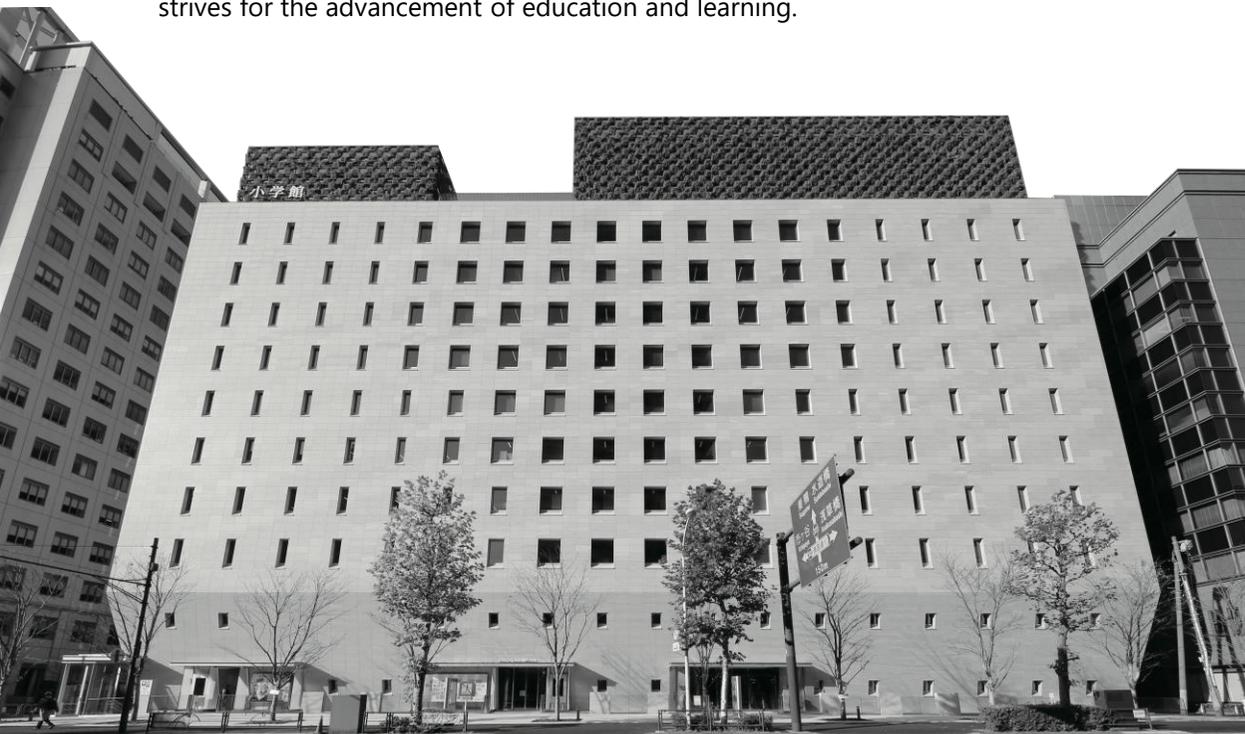
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# SHOGAKUKAN

*From the past 100 years to the next 100 years.  
Inspiring the power to create new ideas.*

Shogakukan was founded in 1922 as a publisher of educational magazines for preschool and elementary school students. Having celebrated its 100th anniversary in 2022, Shogakukan has now established itself as a leading publisher of fiction, non-fiction, children's books, art, photography, travel guides, dictionaries, encyclopedias and other reference books. Renowned for its long tradition and expertise in the publishing industry, Shogakukan also produces a wide range of other content across print, digital and audio—comic books for children and adults, educational and entertainment magazines and websites and apps. The wealth of original content is further promoted through investment in film and TV productions, third-party adaptations, as well as extended reality (XR) projects. Honoring outstanding works with the Shogakukan Children, Comics and Non-Fiction Awards, Shogakukan aims to actively foster diversity, inclusion and accessibility, and strives for the advancement of education and learning.



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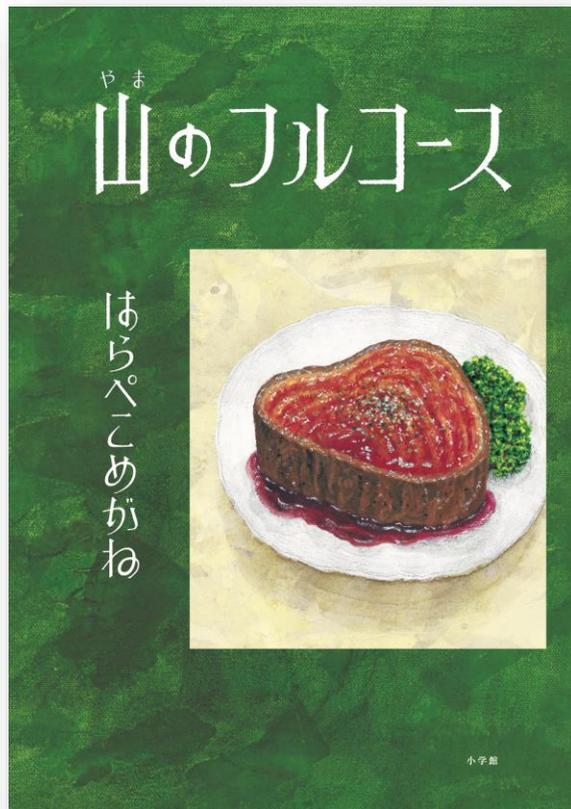
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Company Name: SHOGAKUKAN Inc.  
Headquarters: Tokyo, Japan  
Founded: August 8, 1922  
President: Nobuhiro Oga  
Capital: 147 million yen  
Sales: 109.6 billion yen (2024 fiscal year)  
Employees: 711 (as of September 2025)

# **CHILDREN'S BOOKS**



# A Full-Course Meal in the Mountains

*Yama no furu kousu* / 山のフルコース

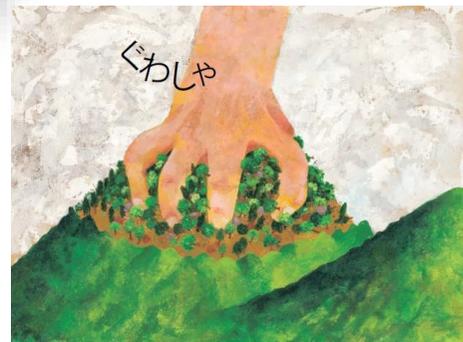
Text by **Harapekomegane**

**A picture book about a restaurant, drawn with bold brushstrokes, that won the Shogakukan Children's Publishing Culture Award**

Deep in the mountains is a lone restaurant called Restaurant Mountain. Those who come to dine here are in for a treat—the glasses are filled with sparkling water from a waterfall and the meal begins with “flash salad” made with a pinch of the mountaintop. Then comes the main course—a well-aged mountain! A full-course meal made of nature’s ingredients is imagined by a husband-wife team who can’t be beaten when it comes to drawing food.

 LOOK INSIDE!

Category: Picture Books  
 ISBN: 978-4-09-725283-2  
 Pages: 32 pages  
 Printing: Color  
 Publication: November 2025  
 Rights Sold: **N/A**  
 Age: 3+



## Author Profile | Harapekomegane

This husband-wife team have brought the world a plethora of picture books and illustrations centering on the themes of food and people. Their picture books have received many awards, including the Shogakukan Children’s Publishing Culture Award for *A Full-Course Meal in the Mountains*.



# The Sheep System

*Hitsuji sisutemu* / ひつじシステム

Yuji Ogushi

## Welcome to the mesmerizing sheep system!

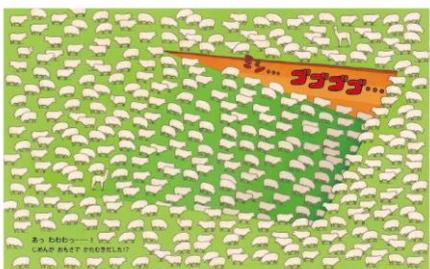
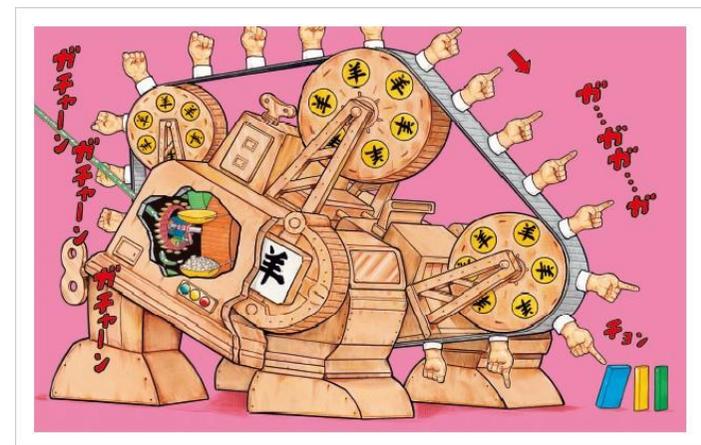
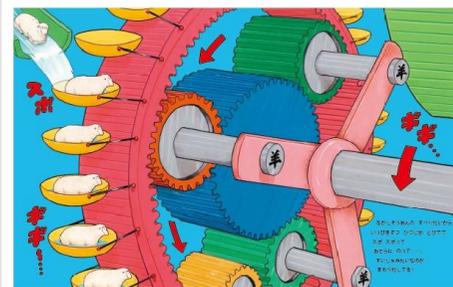
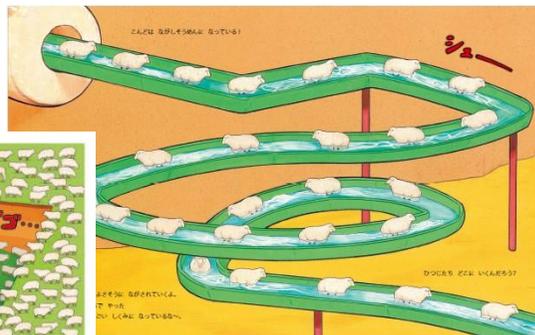
A picture book for everyone who has ever thought “Who on earth said that counting sheep helps you fall asleep? How can I believe something so baseless?” Here you’ll learn how to fall asleep by counting sheep. With illustrations that are realistic down to the fine details, this book’s fantastical, incredible, extraordinary worldview and unexpected twists and turns is sure to draw you into the Sheep System. Just looking at all those sheep will have you feeling sleepy!

### Author Profile | Yuji Ogushi

Became an illustrator, painter, and picture book author after majoring in oil painting at university. Loves sleeping.

LOOK INSIDE!

Category: Picture Books  
 ISBN: 978-4-09-725288-7  
 Pages: 32 pages  
 Printing: Color  
 Publication: February 2025  
 Rights Sold: N/A  
 Age: 3+





LOOK INSIDE!

# High Tide, Low Tide, Full Moon, New Moon

Michihiki Michikake / みちひきみちかき

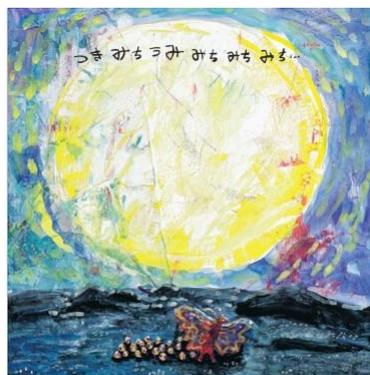
mirocomachiko



A vividly colorful picture book that dynamically portrays precious nature itself

The moon becomes a full moon and then a new moon. The sea reaches high tide and then low tide. Living things are born, eat, increase, decrease, and are born again. A powerful depiction of our world's magnificent nature from an author who encountered a new frontier after moving to an island in southern Japan. The vivid colors provide a fascinating view of the way the sea follows the phases of the moon.

Category: Picture Books  
 ISBN: 978-4-09-725417-1  
 Pages: 32 pages  
 Printing: Color  
 Publication: June 2025  
 Rights Sold: N/A  
 Age: 3+



## Author Profile | mirocomachiko

Won the Shogakukan Children's Publishing Culture Award for *Boku no Futon wa Umi de Dekite Iru* (My Futon Is Made of Sea.) Has now moved to an island in southern Japan, and enjoys the nature there as she continues her creative career.



LOOK INSIDE!

Category: Picture Books  
 ISBN: 978-4-09-725428-7  
 Pages: 40 pages  
 Printing: Color  
 Publication: October 2025  
 Rights Sold: Korean, Chinese (Traditional)  
 Age: 3+



# Ponkolpon, the World's Shyest Monster

*Sekai ichi hazukashigariya no kaiju ponkolpon/ せかいいちはずかしがりやのかいじゅう ポンコルポン*

Q-rais

## The 3rd book in the Polite Monster Bonkolbon Series!

One day, a big monster comes out of the sea. Her name is Ponkolpon. She wears a blue ribbon on her head and she is extremely shy. When she orders a new ribbon from the ribbon store and goes to the humans' town to pick it up, she becomes an instant celebrity. Humans take her picture and try to interview her. Seeing this adorable monster blushing bright red, hiding in the mountains, and curling up into a ball in the middle of the street will touch your heart. Will Ponkolpon make it to the ribbon store in the end? Packed with smash hit artist Q-rais's signature blend of cuteness and humor, this picture book will have children and adults rolling around with laughter.

### Author Profile | Q-rais

Yusuke Sakamoto, better known as **Q-rais**, has been making short animations since high school. After graduating from Tokyo Zokei University, he worked at Tohokushinsha Film Corporation and has been a full-time freelance animator, cartoonist and illustrator since 2017. He was the grand prize winner of the 19th DigiCon6 ASIA for his film *Kamo ga suki* (I Like Ducks). His picture books include *Chikyu-chan* (Earthy), *Don Ussa sora o tobu* (Don Ussa Flies Up to the Sky) and *Abare neko* (Rough Cat).





# Yukinko's Restaurant

*Yukinko no resutoran* / ゆきんこのレストラン

Hiromi Nagashima



## In a beautiful snowy landscape, a little girl encounters...?

One cold winter's day, when Natchan goes outside to play in the snow, she finds a little fox cub. She follows the fox cub into the forest and there, in the roots of a tree, is a door made out of ice. Out comes a girl who isn't bundled up for a cold day like this. "Welcome to Yukinko's Restaurant," she says. Natchan, as it turns out, is the restaurant's very first customer. Soon Natchan is enjoying one delicious dish after another, all made from snow and ice.

LOOK INSIDE!

Category: Picture Books  
 ISBN: 978-4-09-725440-9  
 Pages: 32 pages  
 Printing: Color  
 Publication: November 2025  
 Rights Sold: **N/A**  
 Age: 3+

### Author Profile | Hiromi Nagashima

A Hokkaido-born manga artist, illustrator, and picture book author.



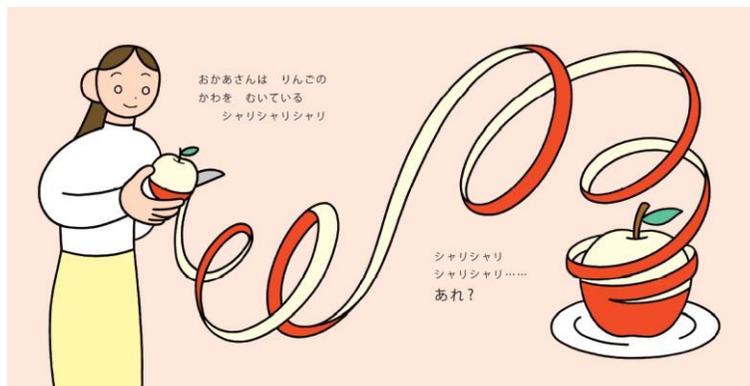
「おいしい！」 なっちゃんは ひとくち たべて とびありがとうございます。  
 「あまくて、つめたくて、ふしぎな あじだね」  
 そして、あっというまに ひとさらを たいらげてしまいました。





LOOK INSIDE!

Category: Picture Books  
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 Publication: November 2024  
 Rights Sold: N/A  
 Age: 3+



## How Can This Be?

Are ?/ あれ?

unpis



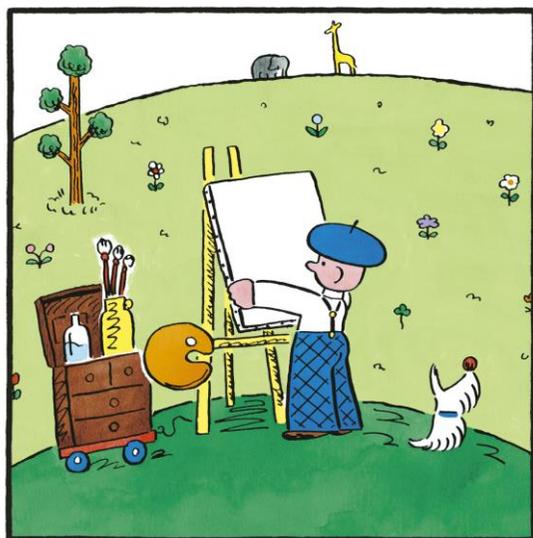
**A picture book by popular illustrator unpis that creates a mysterious, otherworldly sensation**

A surreal picture book where ordinary parts of everyday life are a little...off. As the main character, a boy, goes about his morning routine, he finds that things don't go the way they should. When he tips his cup over, the water doesn't come out. When he washes his face, his face turns flat. When he puts butter on his bread, the bread melts. Step into a world so similar to ours and yet so different, where every page will have you thinking "how can this be?" The illustrations, featuring unique use of lines and color, will fill kids and adults alike with the thrill of imagination. A series of moments where the ordinary becomes extraordinary.

### Author Profile | unpis

Born in Iwaki City, Fukushima Prefecture. Graduated from the Department of Science of Design at Musashino Art University. Primarily works on illustrations for a variety of fields, including advertising, books, packaging, and murals.





fancomi

ガハクとブラシ

gahaku &amp; brush

小学館

LOOK INSIDE!

Category: Picture Books  
 ISBN: 978-4-09-725225-2  
 Pages: 32 pages  
 Printing: Color  
 Publication: July 2023  
 Rights sold: N/A  
 Age: 3+



へんの いぬさん いいところに かざりました。  
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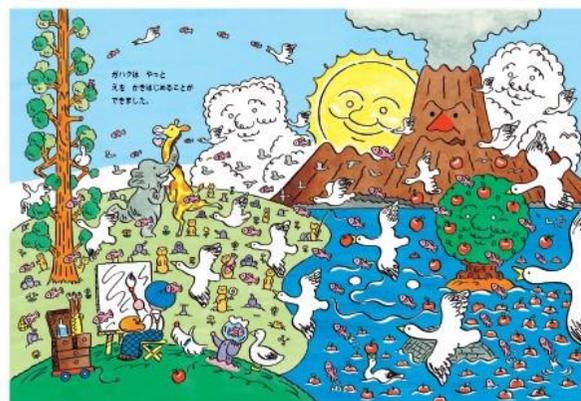
# Gahaku and Brush

*Gahaku to Burashi* / ガハクとブラシ

fancomi

## A tale of one day in the life of Gahaku the painter and his beloved dog Brush

A painter called Gahaku lives together with his beloved dog Brush and paints pictures every day. One day, Gahaku finds a wonderful spot to paint. While he is getting set up, an elephant and a giraffe come running from afar. "Paint us!" they say, striking strange poses. "No, paint us!" cry a big crowd of prairie dogs and moles, peeking out of the ground. Before long, the trees, clouds, river, and even the mountains are jostling for their place in Gahaku's picture. Unsure what else to do, Gahaku decides to paint them all. By the time he's finished, the sun is going down, and his models are weary too. Back at home, Gahaku arranges his pictures on his wall. What do you think Gahaku really wanted to paint? A cheerful, charming story brought to life with soft lines and bright colors by popular illustrator fancomi.



### Author Profile | fancomi

Born in Saitama in 1980. Graduated from the Department of Design at Tokyo Zokei University in 2004. Currently works as a freelance illustrator and designer.



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LOOK INSIDE!

Category: Picture Books  
 ISBN: 978-4-09-726718-8  
 Pages: 32 pages  
 Printing: Color  
 Publication: June 2017  
 Rights sold: N/A  
 Age: 3+



# The Dinosaurs' Audition

*Kyouryuu oudisyon* / きょうりゅうオーディション

Chisato Tashiro

**A picture book capturing the world of dinosaurs through careful research at Fukui Prefectural Dinosaur Museum**

The drama troupe Venator is holding auditions for a new member. With a little dinosaur called a Fukuivenator delivering witty patter as an MC, all kinds of dinosaurs show off their talents: a long-necked Brachiosaurus, a big-collared Triceratops, a Tyrannosaurus Rex with a great singing voice, and more. The funny conversations and vibrant pictures featuring block prints and collages will enthrall every reader—and of course kids who love dinosaurs.



## Author Profile | Chisato Tashiro

Born in Tokyo. Now living in Kanagawa Prefecture.

After studying economics at university, Tashiro worked at a company for four years before beginning a career as a picture book author. Shortly after her debut in 2001, her book *Chameleon's Colors* was released in seven languages simultaneously in 2003. Won the Japan Picture Book Award for *Gohiki no Suteki na Nezumi: Hikokoshi Daisakusen* (Five Amazing Mice: The Great House-Moving Mission), and *Boku Umareru Yo* (I Will Be Born) was selected for the Biennial of Illustrations Bratislava.



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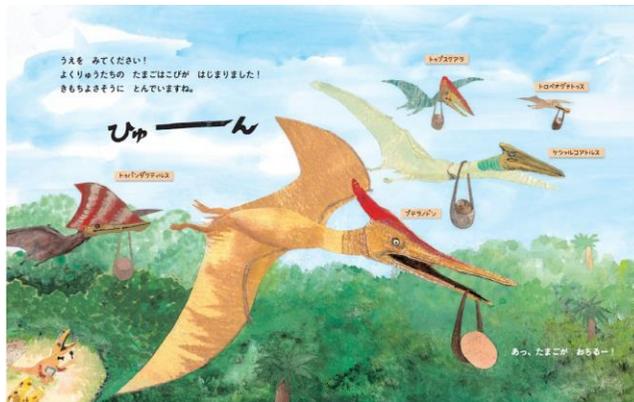
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 Pages: 32 pages  
 Printing: Color  
 Publication: September 2023  
 Rights sold: **Korean**  
 Age: 3+

## The Dinosaurs' Sports Day

*Kyouryuu Undoukai / きょうりゅううんどうかい*  
 Chisato Tashiro

The hugely popular dinosaur picture book series returns with Volume 2!

In the second dinosaur picture book by Chisato Tashiro, the dinosaurs enjoy a sports day. With commentary by a Fukuivenator, 21 creatures that are popular among children—land dinosaurs, flying dinosaurs, and even sea creatures—battle it out in a variety of sports events. With lively collages showcasing the spectacular movements of the dinosaurs and humorous dialog full of charm, this book will capture the hearts of every reader. Enjoy another day in the peaceful, happy world of the dinosaurs.



LOOK INSIDE!

Category: Picture Books  
 ISBN: 978-4-09-725413-3  
 Pages: 32 pages  
 Printing: Color  
 Publication: June 2025  
 Rights sold: **N/A**  
 Age: 3+

## The Dinosaurs Go to the Doctor

*Kyouryuu no Oishasan / きょうりゅうのおいしゃさん*  
 Chisato Tashiro

The dinosaur doctor is in! This sweet story is sure to bring a smile to your face.

The third dinosaur picture book by Chisato Tashiro sees Venator the Fukuivenator working as a dinosaur doctor. One dinosaur after another comes in with a series of illnesses and injuries. As it happens, today is a special day for Venator. He needs to finish his appointments quickly because there's something he needs to do, but there's always one more malady. After much entertaining dialogue between poor Venator and his endless series of patients, you'll learn the heartwarming reason why Venator was in such a hurry. Tashiro's collage-style illustrations continue to delight in a book perfect for story time.







LOOK INSIDE!

Category: Picture Books  
 ISBN: 978-4-09-735368-3  
 Pages: 26 pages  
 Printing: Color  
 Publication: May 2025  
 Rights Sold: **Chinese (Traditional)**  
 Age: 0+



つんへんちゃんだよ。  
つんって してみて。



ぱちっ  
あ、おきたね。もういっかい つんって して。

# Tsunhen

*Tsunhenchan* / つんへんちゃん

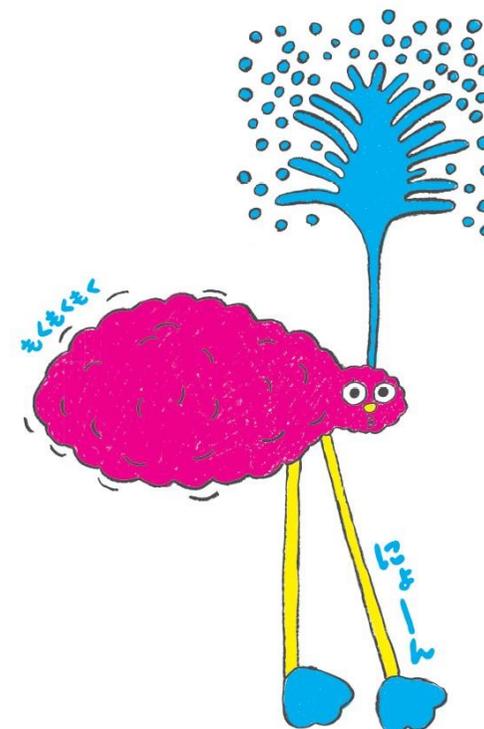
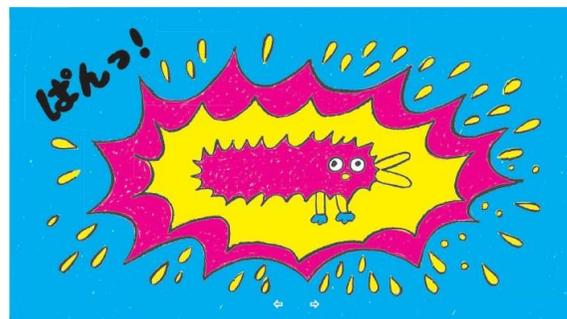
Keiko Shibata

## An interactive learning book for parent-child finger-poking fun

Is your finger ready? Then let's begin! Young children will burst out laughing at the comical transformations of Tsunhen. With kids' actions, the pages open upward and downward, to the left and to the right. In this picture book designed for kids aged 1-3 to touch with their fingers, every turn of the page brings a new change, keeping kids enthralled to the very end.

### Author Profile | Keiko Shibata

An illustrator and picture book author known for works such as the *Pan Dorobo* (Bread Thief) series and the *Shirokuma* (Polar Bear) series.





LOOK INSIDE!

Category: Chapter Books / Fantasy

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Pages: 160 pages

Printing: Black & White

Publication: October 2025

Rights sold: N/A

Age: 8+



# One-Ear's Forest

*Katamimi no mori* / カタミの森

Kaori Komori

## A fable-like animal story crafted by a fantasy master

Robin, a fox cub, lives a peaceful life in the forest with his friends. All the animals fear a big wolf called One-Ear who is said to live in the forest, but none have seen him. One day, a flock of birds arrives from the city, fleeing from the bears who rule it. This is the first sign that the bears' reign of terror and chaos is about to reach the forest. Before long, a gang of menacing bears try to take over, upending the quiet life the creatures once lived. And then a gray wolf with a damaged ear appears. It's One-Ear! Grappling with his own past in the city, One-Ear joins the smaller forest creatures as they fight to fend off the invaders. Can the friends restore peace to their home? An animal fantasy that explores justice and hope amid a forest that has its own pride and laws.

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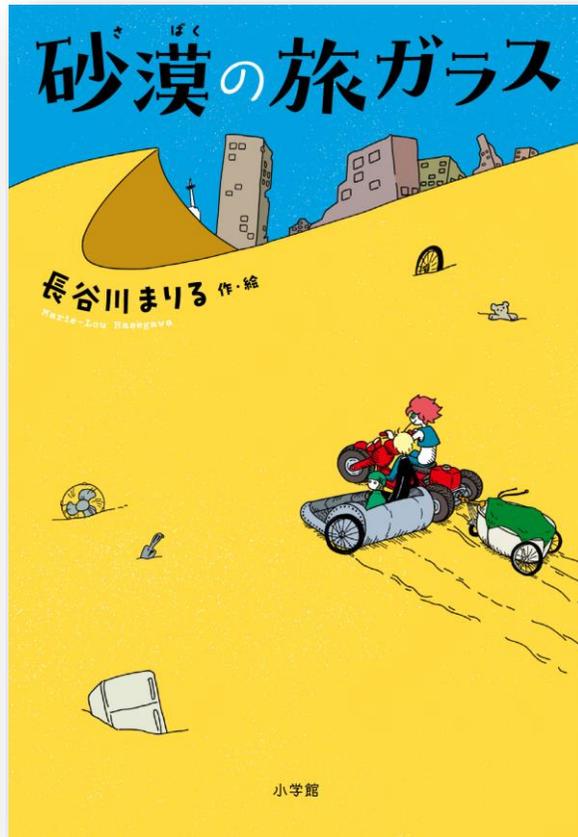
「カタミの森」は、小森香折尊と出久根育尊の共著によるファンタジー動物小説である。物語は、平和な森林で暮らす狐の幼子ロビンを中心に展開する。森林には、ロビンを恐るる大狼「ワン・イア」や、熊の群衆が跋扈する。ある日、都市から逃げてきた鳥の群が森林に到着し、熊の支配が森林に波及する兆しが見え始める。やがて、熊の群衆は森林を完全に支配しようとする。その時、かつて都市で暮らした大狼「ワン・イア」が現れる。ワン・イアは、かつて都市で暮らした経験を活かして、ロビンと仲間たちと共に熊の群衆と戦うことになる。物語は、正義と希望をテーマにしたファンタジー動物小説である。



「ワン・イア」は、かつて都市で暮らした経験を活かして、ロビンと仲間たちと共に熊の群衆と戦うことになる。物語は、正義と希望をテーマにしたファンタジー動物小説である。

## Author Profile | Kaori Komori

Born in Tokyo in 1958. Began translating and working on creative endeavors alongside a career as a German-language teacher. Won the Grand Prize in the Chuden Children's Literature Awards and the Nankichi Niimi Children's Literature Prize for *Nikoru no To* (Nichol's Tower).



# Wandering Crow in the Desert

*Sabaku no tabi garasu* / 砂漠の旅ガラス

Marie-Lou Hasegawa

## A young adult adventure novel set in a dystopian world

After AI took over, the world was buried in sand, leaving humanity all but extinct. Descendants of the few surviving humans live from day to day by digging tools built by the old civilizations out of the sand. I was living a free-spirited life, digging up treasures from the sand as I needed to, until one day I found a seed for a plant I could not properly identify. Before long, that seed sparked a battle between the sand bandits who control the desert, the law-abiding residents of the settled areas, and the wandering crows like me who roam free. An adventure novel chronicling children's determination to survive in a post-apocalyptic world where almost all of humanity has been lost.

### Author Profile | Marie-Lou Hasegawa

Born in Nagano Prefecture and raised in Tokyo. Received an Honorable Mention at the Kodansha Children's Literature Newcomers' Awards for her debut book, *Oekaki Kinshi no Kuni* (The Country Where Drawing Is Forbidden), in 2018. Won the 62nd Noma Children's Literature Prize for *Sugimori-kun o Korosu ni wa* (To Kill The Boy Sugimori.) Also drew the cover illustration and page illustrations for *Wandering Crow in the Desert*.

### LOOK INSIDE!

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 Publication: October 2023  
 Rights Sold: N/A  
 Age: 10+





LOOK INSIDE!

Category: Chapter Books / Non-fiction

ISBN: 978-4-09-289342-9

Pages: 176 pages

Printing: Black & White

Publication: October 2025

Rights sold: N/A

Age: 12+



# Droplets and Wishes: The Truth About the Human Shadow Etched in Stone

*Shizuku to inori: Hitokage no ishi no shinjitsu* / しずくと祈り 「人影の石」の真実

Sho Kutsuki

## The truth behind the Human Shadow etched into the stone steps after the atomic bombing

One of the exhibits at the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum is the Human Shadow Etched in Stone: a dark human silhouette burned into a stone staircase by the heat rays of the atomic bomb. For many years, the identity of this memorialized person was unknown. Who was that person? Why were they there? What happened to them after the bomb was dropped? Through eyewitness accounts and testimonies at the time, along with scientific research, the facts gradually came to light. This is the story of one woman whose life was taken by the atomic bomb and her family's persistence over the span of more than half a century to restore the name of the "Human Shadow." The author, a second-generation A-bomb victim, quietly explores the meaning of "knowing" and "telling" through the clues that were pieced together about this woman's life.

### Author Profile | Sho Kutsuki

Born in Hiroshima City. A second-generation victim of the atomic bomb. Earned a Master's degree from Sophia University's graduate school. Began a creative career in 2001. Won the Japan Juvenile Writers Association Award for Newcomers, the Japan Children's Literature Association Newcomer Award, and Sankei Children's Book Award for *Kahatare* (Who Is That?) in 2006. Later won the Japan Juvenile Writers Association Award for *Higanbana wa Kitsune no Kanzashi* (A Red Spider Lily as a Fox's Hairpin). Won the Sankei Children's Book Award Grand Prize for *Kaze no Kutsu* (Shoes of the Wind). Won the 9th Fukuda Kiyoto Prize and the 63rd Shogakukan Children's Publishing Culture Award for *Soul Lanterns*. *Soul Lanterns* was selected as one of the Best Books of 2021 in the United States after being translated and published there. Other books include *Hachigatsu no Hikari* (August Light).

## Search! Find! A Playful Journey

*Sagashite! Mitsukete! Tabiasobi / さがして！みつけて！旅あそび*

Tomoko Shintani

**Japan Airline's popular in-flight magazine spot-the-difference feature has become a picture book!**

This puzzle book by popular illustrator Tomoko Shintani will give you the travel bug. There are 155 things hidden in a variety of travel scenes, from an airplane and station to tourist destinations. With charming animals and vehicles drawn in a soft style, parents and children will enjoy searching the illustrations to find the answers. The puzzles range from easy to a little hard to suit children of all ages. The compact size of the book makes it easy to take with you on a trip or just a day out.



LOOK INSIDE!

Category: Picture Books

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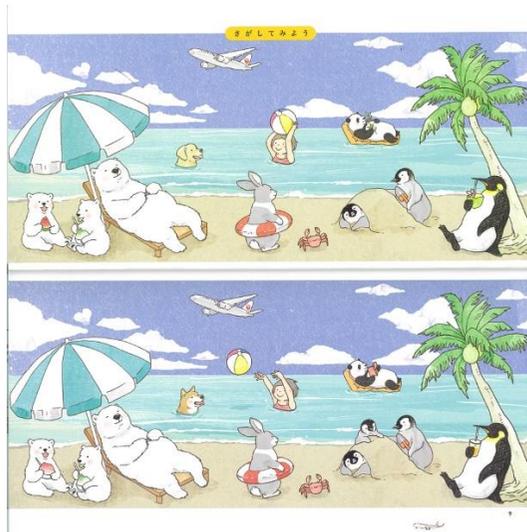
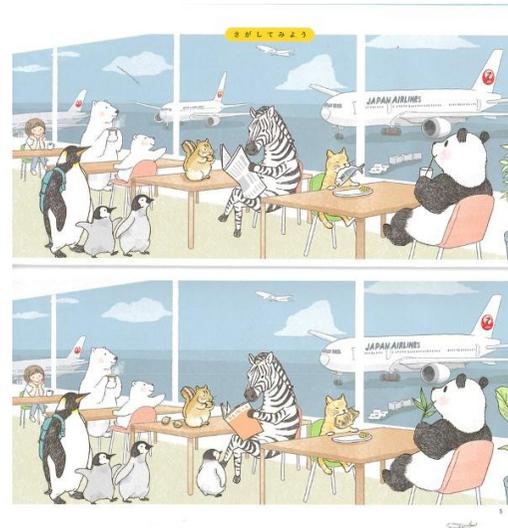
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Printing: Color

Publication: March 2020

Rights sold: **Chinese (Traditional)**

Age: 3+



### Author Profile | Tomoko Shintani

Born in Tokyo. Graduated from the Department of Design at Tama Art University's Faculty of Art and Design. Currently works as a freelance illustrator and designer.



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 Rights sold: N/A  
 Age: 3+

## Search! Find! A Playful World Trip

*Sagashite! Mitsukete! Sekai de Tabiasobi /さがして! みつけて! 世界で旅あそび*

Tomoko Shintani

**This time, the popular spot-the-difference picture book takes you around the world!**

The second puzzle book by Tomoko Shintani takes you on a journey around the world, with seven differences to be found between the picture on the left and the picture on the right. Beginning with a departure scene at an airport and hopping from famous spots to foreign streetscapes, this book will make you feel like you're on a world trip of your own. The soft, friendly pictures and intriguing puzzles are packed with features that will enthrall kids and adults alike. Parents and children will feel like world travelers as they spot the differences together.

## Search! Find! A Playful Journey Around Japan

*Sagashite! Mitsukete! Nippon de Tabiasobi /さがして! みつけて! 日本で旅あそび*

Tomoko Shintani

**This time, the popular spot-the-difference picture book takes you to Japan!**

The third puzzle book by Tomoko Shintani is all about Japan, traveling from Okinawa in the very south to Hokkaido in the north. Landscapes from around Japan, brought to life with Shintani's soft drawing style, set the scene for the latest spot-the-difference puzzles. With hard-to-find differences and little tricks sprinkled in, kids and adults alike will be engrossed in finding the answers. Take a journey around Japan with the whole family.

### Author Profile | Tomoko Shintani

Born in Tokyo. Graduated from the Department of Design at Tama Art University's Faculty of Art and Design. Currently works as a freelance illustrator and designer.



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# I've Turned Into a Cat

*Neko ni nacchatta* / ねこになっちゃった

**Author: Eiko Kadono, Illustrator: Megu Yoshimura**

**A picture book perfect for read-alouds by a Hans Christian Andersen Award-winning author**

Ako is never without her beloved stuffed toys, Tiger-Tiger and Bear. One day, the three are pretending to be the neighbor's cat, Mimi. With whiskers drawn on their cheeks, they yawn widely and arch their backs as high as a mountain, just like cats. Even Ako's mother joins in and they all curl up for a deep sleep. A tale from Hans Christian Andersen Award-winning author Eiko Kadono that will spark lots of fun and games among parents and children.

# Three-Cuddle Santa Claus

*Dakko sankai santa kurousu* / だっこさんかいサンタクロース

**Author: Eiko Kadono, Illustrator: Megu Yoshimura**

**Perfect for excited, sleepless Christmas Eve nights**

In the second picture book in the Ako series, Christmas Eve has arrived at long last. Ako and her stuffed toys, Bear and Tiger-Tiger, are filled with excitement as they get ready for Santa's visit. In bed that night, the three are determined to stay awake so that they can see Santa, but little by little their eyelids start to droop, and Santa comes while they're asleep. He's left them a special present—what could it be? Parents and children will enjoy the excitement of Christmas together with this magical story.

**Author Profile | Eiko Kadono**

A Japanese author of children's literature, picture books, non-fiction, and essays. *Kiki's Delivery Service* released in 1985 is her most famous work and was made into an anime film by Hayao Miyazaki. In 2018 she won the Hans Christian Andersen Award.

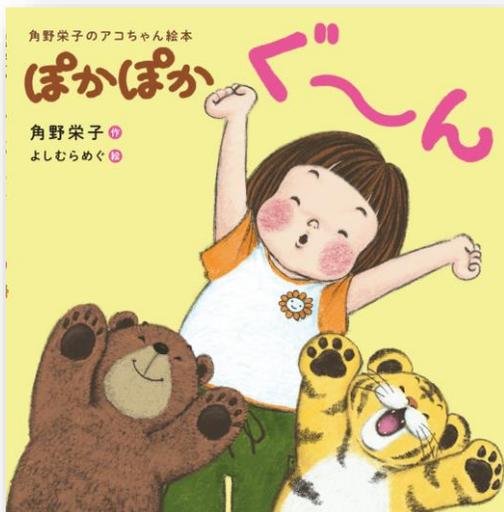
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## Magic Stretches in the Warm Sun

*Pokapoka guun / ぽかぽかぐ〜ん*

Author: Eiko Kadono, Illustrator: Megu Yoshimura

### A read-aloud book that gets kids moving

The third picture book in the Ako series takes place on a bright, sunny day. Basking in the sun's warm rays, Ako stretches out—and, curiously, realizes that she seems to have grown a little bigger. Tiger-Tiger and Bear stretch out like Ako, and they grow bigger too! Mimi the cat joins in, followed by some dandelions in the garden, a caterpillar, a couple of stones, and even Ken, a boy in Ako's neighborhood. As you watch everyone grow a little bigger by stretching in the warm sun, you'll want to stretch too!



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## A Trick for a Sore Head

*Itai toki no omajinai / いたいときのおまじない*

Author: Eiko Kadono, Illustrator: Megu Yoshimura

### A picture book for parents and children to count together

The fourth picture book in the Ako series. Ako asks her friends to play, but they're all busy. Feeling cross, Ako kicks a stone across the garden. It hits a polar bear, leaving a big bump on its head. To comfort the polar bear, who is close to tears, Ako teaches it her mother's trick: to count the number of years of your age. The polar bear tells Ako that it is 99 years old! Will the bump on the polar bear's head get better? Parents and kids can enjoy counting together while reading the book aloud.

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# The Bedtime Monster

*Nenne no obake* / ねんねのおばけ

Author: Eiko Kadono, Illustrator: Megu Yoshimura

## A bedtime story for children who can't fall asleep

The third picture book in the Ako series takes place on a bright, sunny day. Basking in the sun's warm rays, Ako stretches out—and, curiously, realizes that she seems to have grown a little bigger. Tiger-Tiger and Bear stretch out like Ako, and they grow bigger too! Mimi the cat joins in, followed by some dandelions in the garden, a caterpillar, a couple of stones, and even Ken, a boy in Ako's neighborhood. As you watch everyone grow a little bigger by stretching in the warm sun, you'll want to stretch too!



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# Mr. Fluffy

*Fuwafuwasan* / ふわふわさん

Author: Eiko Kadono, Illustrator: Megu Yoshimura

## An ideal picture book for baby's first storytime

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## The Detective Diaries of Higucchan and Me: The Case of the Missing Teddy Bear

*Atashi to Higucchan no Tanteinikki: Kieta Tedibea* / あたしとひぐっちゃんの探偵日記 消えたテディベア  
 Torio Sakurai

**A detective story packed with mystery, comedy, and heartwarming moments**

Eleven-year-old Mizuki is desperate to clear the name of her best friend Anna, who has been wrongly accused of stealing a teddy bear during a piano lesson. During her search, she encounters a suspicious-looking man who is wearing a coat in the park despite the summer heat. The man, who goes by the name Higucchan, says that he is the brother of Mizuki's dead father. When her uncle declares himself a detective, Mizuki teams up with him on an investigation to prove Anna's innocence. The unlikely duo's quest to uncover the truth leads them through a trail of events and people, bringing friends and family closer together. A detective story packed with mystery, comedy, and heartwarming moments.



### Author Profile | Torio Sakurai

Born in Kyoto City. Graduated from the Faculty of Liberal Arts in the Open University of Japan. Won the Grand Prize of the 1st Saeko Himuro Literary Prize for young adult literature and debuted as an author in 2019 with *Nijiuro Toshokan no Hebiotoko* (The Snake Man at the Rainbow Library). Worked at a public library in the Kanto region of Japan until 2020.



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## The Detective Diaries of Higucchan and Me: Has Mizuki Been Kidnapped?

*Atashi to Higucchan no Tanteinikki: Mizuki sarawareru? /*  
 あたしとひぐっちゃんの探偵日記 みずき、さらわれる？

Torio Sakurai

The hugely popular cozy detective series returns with Volume 2!

With her father dead and her mother overseas on business, eleven-year-old Mizuki is staying with her uncle Higucchan, a self-proclaimed detective, in her grandparents' home. Mizuki doesn't feel like she belongs anywhere, either at school or at home. While Higucchan is taking Mizuki for a drive, the pair meet a wealthy but lonely boy named Kai. Upon hearing that Kai has basically run away from home to find his mother, Mizuki finds herself accompanying him on a journey that turns out to be longer than she ever imagined. Separated from Higucchan along the way, Mizuki and Kai gradually get to know each other and embark on their own journey with no adults—and learn upon their arrival that things aren't as easy as they expected. Poignant and warm with humor at every turn, this story explores separation from family, growth, and compassion for others.



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 Pages: 208 pages  
 Printing: Black & White  
 Publication: December 2024  
 Rights sold: N/A  
 Age: 12+

## The Detective Diaries of Higucchan and Me: Is the Teacher a Kidnapper?

*Atashi to Higucchan no Tanteinikki: Sensei wa yuukaihan? /*  
 あたしとひぐっちゃんの探偵日記 先生は誘拐犯？

Torio Sakurai

The hugely popular cozy detective series returns with Volume 3!

A new school year has begun and Mizuki, now twelve, is back with her mother, who is continuing her research at a university. Mizuki is thrilled to have her mother back after her long study overseas, but the news of her mother's new partner throws her into a tailspin and she runs away to the home of Higucchan, her uncle and a former detective. Higucchan isn't the most dependable type, but he's one of the few people Mizuki can confide in. Meanwhile, a cloud of suspicion descends on Mizuki's homeroom teacher. Formidable at the best of times, Mr. Himuro is suspected of kidnapping. Together with Higucchan and other adults, Mizuki tries to find the missing child. What the team of detectives learns is that parents will go to great lengths to protect their children, and families can find themselves in complicated situations. Mizuki grows as a person in this warmhearted depiction of what a family is and how children develop independence.



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# The Flying Photographer's World Travels

*Soratobu shashinka no chikyuuutabi / 空飛ぶ写真家の地球旅*

Naohiro Yamamoto

## The true story of a boy who fulfilled his dream of flying

Aerial photographer Naohiro Yamamoto straps a propellor engine to his back and takes photos from a powered paraglider. Powered paragliders captured Yamamoto's imagination when he was a young child and already interested in the sky. Here, he shares all the details of his current mission to take aerial photos of the Seven Summits. The extensive collection of photos includes aerial photos of various spots in Japan and spectacular shots of Mt. Kilimanjaro and Mont Blanc. He also explains how vehicles such as airplanes, paragliders, and helicopters fly through the air. A must-read for everyone with an interest in the world above the ground.

### Author Profile | Naohiro Yamamoto

Became an independent photographer after working for a studio in New York. Now a freelance photographer, working on a project to take aerial photographs of the Seven Summits while flying around them on a powered paraglider.



# Pokémon Science Book: Water and Ice

*Pokemon saiensu bukku mizu koori/ ポケモンサイエンスブック みず・こおり*

Supervised by **Manabu Kanda**, Professor, Institute of Science Tokyo

## Piplup, Glaceon, Articuno, Greninja—

An innovative series where kids can enjoy learning about science with the iconic monsters from Pokémon.

Pokémon-themed quizzes tackle everyday questions, such as:

At what temperature does water become ice?

Is it true that more than 95% of the Earth's water is seawater?

Does ice float on water, or does it sink?

Drawing on explanations from the Pokédex, this book will get kids excited about science, making learning easy.

A great way for kids to learn the basics of science, like the three states of water, water pressure, and how clouds form. Includes instructions on easy experiments that kids can try at home, including instantly freezing water, making a dye from red perilla to change the color of water, and making a water purifier from a plastic bottle.

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# Pokémon Science Book: Electricity

*Pokemon saiensu bukku denki* / ポケモンサイエンスブック でんき

Supervised by **Takayuki Iwasaki**, Professor, Institute of Science Tokyo

## Pikachu, Dedenne, Raikou—

**An innovative series where kids can enjoy learning about science with the iconic monsters from Pokémon.**

In this book, Pokémon-themed quizzes tackle everyday questions, such as:

Why does lightning strike in a zigzag pattern?

Are lightbulbs brighter when they're connected in a series or when they're connected parallel?

Does the human body conduct electricity?

Drawing on explanations from the Pokédex, this book will get kids excited about science, making the knowledge stick.

A great way for kids to learn the basics of science, like electric currents, circuits, and voltage. Includes instructions on easy experiments on electricity that kids can try at home, using items like batteries and coins.

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# レミーさんのひきだし

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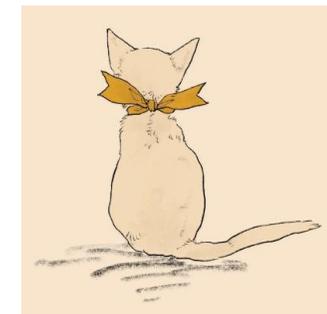
## Remy's Drawer

*Remii san no hikidashi* / レミーさんのひきだし

Text by **Rin Saito** and **Ukimaru**, Illustrations by **Rei Kurahashi**

### What's that sound from the drawer?

An old woman named Remy has a drawer filled with odds and ends that she used to use. One day, a new item is placed in the drawer: a small box that used to hold a chocolate presented like a gem. The other items wait anxiously to find out what job they will be given next. As time goes by, Remy gives the items new jobs and one by one, they happily depart from the drawer. A ribbon becomes a collar for Remy's cat, a small bottle is given the job of holding flowers that an old man named Leo has brought. After a while, the little box starts to get lonely in the drawer, and worries about whether it will be given a new job. Just then, Leo pays a visit. He places a ring in the little chocolate box and proposes to Remy. The delightful story and slightly old-fashioned pictures will leave the reader with a feeling of affection for those everyday items.



#### Author Profile | Rin Saito

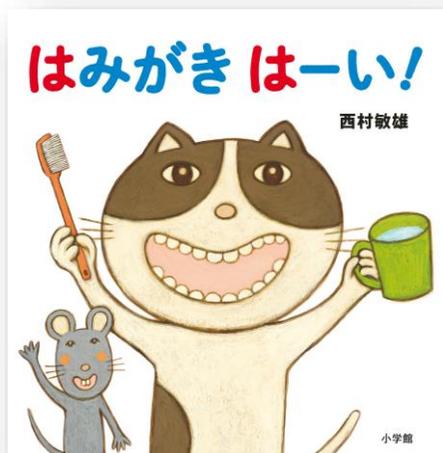
A Japanese poet. She was awarded the Japan Children's Literature Association Newcomer Award and the Shogakukan Children's Publishing Culture Award for her first picture book *Dorobo no dorobon* (Dorobon the Thief).

#### Author Profile | Ukimaru

A picture book author. Born in Yokohama. Worked on books such as *Haru to Aki* (Spring and Fall) with Rin Saito.

#### Illustrator Profile | Rei Kurahashi

Born in Gifu Prefecture. An illustrator whose career includes page illustrations for magazines and books and illustrations for packaging. This is her first picture book.



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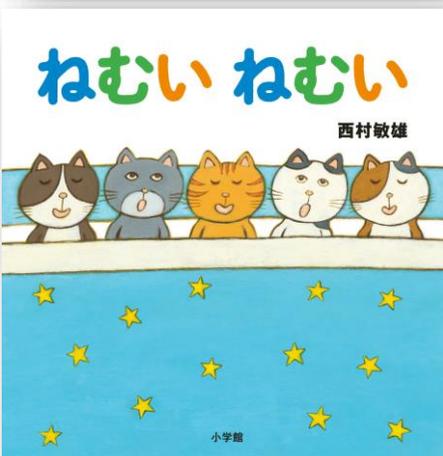
## Brush, Brush My Teeth!

*Hamigaki haai!* / はみがき はーい!

Toshio Nishimura

### A picture book that encourages children to brush their teeth

A cat brushes its teeth while a mouse on the sink helps out! The rhythmical words of this picture book will make tooth brushing fun for young children.



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## Sleepy, So Sleepy

*Nemui nemui* / ねむい ねむい

Toshio Nishimura

### A picture book that lulls children to sleep

All kinds of animals are in bed asleep: one sheep, two rabbits, three monkeys, four squirrels, five dogs, six pandas, seven koalas, eight capybaras, nine pigs, and ten cats. Slowly counting each type of animal will have kids drifting off to sleep.



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## Toilet, Toilet

*Toire toire* / トイレ トイレ

Toshio Nishimura

### A picture book that teaches children how to use the toilet

All of a sudden, a toilet appears in the forest. All the animals—a monkey, a bear, an elephant, and more—are filled with curiosity. Do they know how to use a toilet? First, they have to sit down and do their business. Can they get it right? With this picture book about a part of daily life, toddlers will learn how to use the toilet easily by looking, reading, and enjoying the story.

### Author Profile | Toshio Nishimura

Began writing picture books after working as an interior and textile designer. Has written many picture books including Barubaru-san (Mr. Barbar) and Bathtub in the Woods.

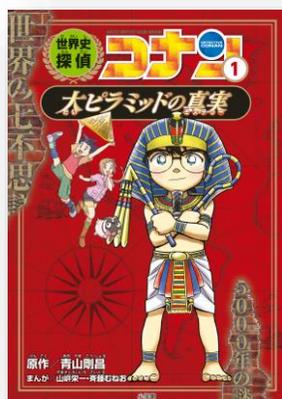
## World History: Case Closed (Detective Conan) Series

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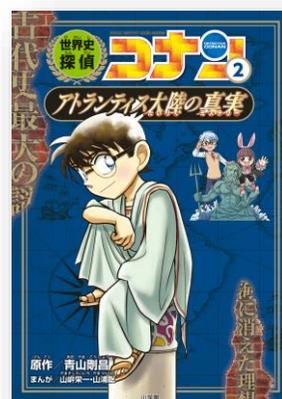
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