

YOUNG ADULT FICTION

Gratz, Alan. *Samurai Shortstop*

While obtaining a Western education at a prestigious Japanese boarding school in 1890, sixteen-year-old Toyo also receives traditional samurai training which has profound effects on both his baseball game and his relationship with his father.

Hoobler, Dorothy. *The Ghost in the Tokaido Inn*

While attempting to solve the mystery of a stolen jewel, Seikei, a merchant's son who longs to be a samurai, joins a group of kabuki actors in 18th century Japan.

Lane, Dakota. *Gothic Lolita*

Two girls, thousands of miles apart . . . Chelsea lives in Los Angeles; Miya lives in Tokyo. Other than the fact they're both half Japanese and obsessed with dressing like Gothic Lolitas, they would seem to have nothing in common. Or do they?

Ogiwara, Noriko. *Dragon Sword and Wind Child*

Raised in the ancient Japanese village of Hashiba, fifteen-year-old Saya discovers that she is the reincarnation of the Water Maiden, princess of the underworld, who must try to reconcile the powers of heaven and earth. *Originally published in Japan under the title Sorairo-Magatama.*

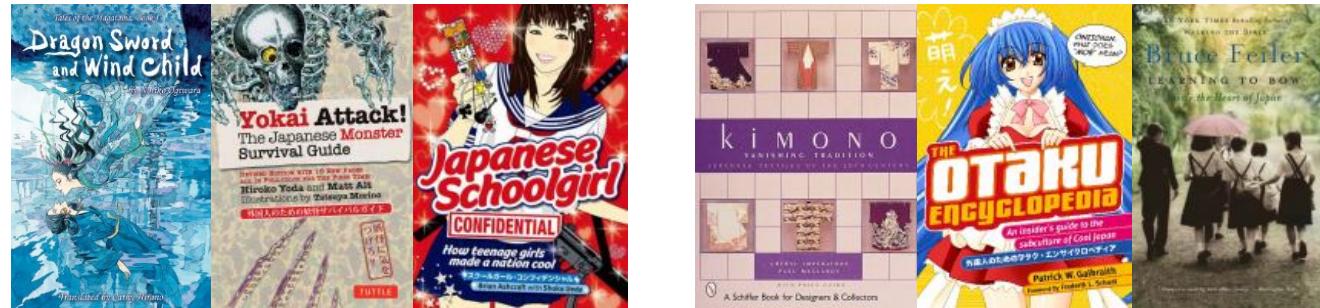
Preus, Margi. *Heart of a Samurai: Based on the True Story of Nakahama Manjiro*

In 1841, rescued by an American whaler after a terrible shipwreck leaves him and his four companions castaways on a remote island, fourteen-year-old Manjiro, learns new laws and customs as he becomes the first Japanese person to set foot in the United States.

YOUNG ADULT GRAPHICS

Train Man

Geeky fanboy Ikumi Saiki has a dream that someday, somehow, he'll finally get a girlfriend. Then one day, on the train home, he rescues a beautiful girl from a troublesome drunk. Now the girl sees the hero inside the otaku - and it appears that Ikumi will finally find romance! But though Ikumi found the courage to save her, how will he ever be brave enough to win her heart?



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YA 305.2352 ASHCRAFT

Japanese Schoolgirl Confidential: How Teenage Girls Made a Nation Cool - Brian Ashcraft with Shoko Ueda

The Japanese schoolgirl has all but replaced the "geisha-girl" to become Japan's new female icon. Whether you want to know where the iconic sailor-style uniform came from, or how the Japanese schoolgirl became a brand that can be used to sell anything from kimchi to insurance, the answers are inside.

YA 391.00952 MOKONA

Okimono Kimono - Mokona

CLAMP artist Mokona shares her love of traditional Japanese kimono in a lavishly illustrated book full of drawings and illustrations, interviews, and short manga stories from the CLAMP artists

YA 398.20952 YODA

Yokai Attack!: The Japanese Monster Survival Guide - Hiroko Yoda and Matt Alt

Forget everything you know about tales of terror before reaching for this book. *Yokai Attack!* is a nightmare-inducing one-stop guide to Japan's traditional creepy-crawlies and monsters.

YA 745.5 CUTE

The Cute Book - Aranzi Aronzo

A fun book of designed-in-Japan mascots, accessories, clothing to make!

YA 921 STEINBER AIMEE

Japan Ai: A Tall Girl's Adventures in Japan - Aimee Major Steinberger

Dive head-first into the incredible world of Japanese pop-culture on the ultimate otaku vacation! Visit fantasy restaurants, shrines, maid cafes, and the world's most exclusive doll store!

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303.48273 JAPANIFI

The Japanification of Children's Popular Culture: From Godzilla to Miyazaki – ed. Mark West

Godzilla stomped his way into American movie theaters in 1956 and since then Japanese trends and cultural products have had a major impact on children's popular culture in America.

306.10952 GALBRAIT

The Otaku Encyclopedia: An Insider's Guide to the Subculture of Cool Japan - Patrick W. Galbraith

Offers fascinating insight into the subculture of Cool Japan. With over 600 entries, including common expressions, people, places and moments of otaku history, this is the essential "A to Z" of facts every Japanese pop-culture fan needs to know.

373.52 FEILER

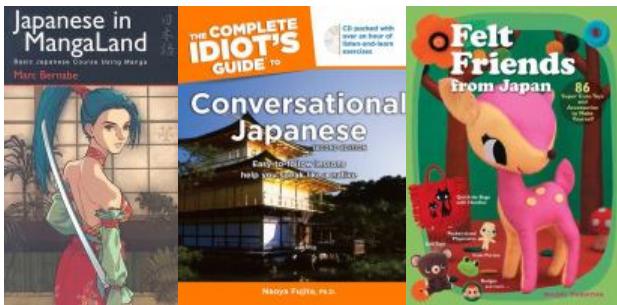
Learning to Bow: An American Teacher in a Japanese School – Bruce Feiler

Feiler recounts the year he spent as a teacher in a small Japanese town. He teaches his students about American culture, while they teach him everything from how to properly address an envelope to how to date a Japanese girl.

391.0095 IMPERATO

Kimono Vanishing Tradition: Japanese Textiles of the 20th Century by Cheryl Imperatore.

Kimono is a generic term for traditional Japanese clothing; it means "thing to wear." This book provides an overview of various traditional garments, introduces types of designs that are still available, and presents wearable art inspired by kimono from contemporary artists.



394.1 SADLER

The Japanese Tea Ceremony - A.L. Sadler

This classic remains the gold standard for books on the five-centuries-old tea ceremony, which is itself "an epitome of Japanese civilization."

495.6824 BERNABE

Japanese in MangaLand: Learning The Basics - Marc Bernabe

Learn written and spoken Japanese through manga. Includes concise lessons with practical exercises and 160 essential kanji characters.

495.6824 FUJITA

The Complete Idiot's Guide to Conversational Japanese - Naoya Fujita

Provides an introduction to the language and culture of Japan, covering pronunciation, grammar rules, kanas, and vocabulary words.

641.692 CHU

The Search for Sushi: A Gastronomic Guide - Carl Chu

Provides a history of sushi and sushi bar etiquette to help diners understand and appreciate sushi.

741.51 TAKARAI

Manga Moods: 40 Faces + 80 Phrases - Saori Takarai

Learn how facial expressions look and change on manga characters, Japanese phrases, and how to express the different characters on paper.

746.0463 TABATHA

Felt Friends from Japan: 86 Super-cute Toys and Accessories to Make Yourself - Naomi Tabatha

Adorable plushies, bags, cell phone holders, badges, and flowers. Designed with a retro feel, capturing the 1960s and 1970s style of Japan.



746.0952 SUDO

Omiyage: Handmade Gifts from Fabric in the Japanese Tradition - Kumiko Sudo

Easy-to-follow patterns & step-by-step drawings for making tiny boxes, purses, decorative toys, incense pouches, and good luck charms.

779.2 AOKI

Fruits - Shoichi Aoki

Fruits is a collection of Tokyo street fashion portraits from Japan's street fanzine of the same name.

952 NORBURY

Japan: The Essential Guide to Customs & Culture - Paul Norbury

Learn about Japanese culture and society: the dos, don'ts, and taboos you need to know, as well as tips on local customs, traditions, and much more.

952.049 TAKADA

The Japanese Way: Aspects of Behavior, Attitudes, and Customs of the Japanese - Noriko Takada

A handy guide to understanding how people from every corner of Japan think, do business, and act in their daily lives. This book will help you break the culture barrier - and appreciate the Japanese way.

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