Next in the series that began with Panda Friends Exercises and Panda Pretend Exercises, here is an exercise book for parents and kids to use together. The whole family can move their bodies and pretend to be all sorts of things—bamboo shoots, a pendulum, cherries, fireworks, potato diggers, a yacht, pill bugs... Playing like that is good for your body and soul.

The pandas exercise formations are so cute! Fweet! The pandas begin their exercises at the sound of the whistle. Two make a rice ball, three make glasses. What will they transform into next? This is the first book in Satoshi Iriyama’s Panda Exercise series.

Move your body with the panda! A tulip, a banana, a rice ball, an airplane... Have fun pretending to be all sorts of familiar things and get your body moving. Reach up high to do the tulip exercise! Wiggle your butt to do the banana exercise! Spin around to do the top exercise! This is the second book in Satoshi Iriyama’s Panda Exercise series.
These bestselling baby’s first picture books are out in new editions. This series is made up of books covering themes that are part of daily life for babies 0 and older such as Peek-A-Boo, which every baby loves, and familiar animals. Please read them gently with a smile. Yoko Imoto’s warm illustrations are perfect for the first picture books your baby will read.

Mittens
On a cold, snowy day, Mimi and her older sister are walking home from school when Mimi realizes her hands are cold. She clamors to borrow her sister’s mittens, but her sister teaches her a trick anyone can use if they have a good friend nearby. If everyone used this trick, would the world be a friendlier place? Mimi’s grandma is not the only one with warm fuzzies by the end of Yoko Imoto’s Mittens.
Yuko Ohnari, Koshiro Hata

Boo Boo Boo

When you talk to babies, they can’t use words yet, so it’s all about touching, looking, and listening. Boo-boo-boo may just sound like babble, but look at all the different things in the world that make that noise! You can probably think of even more besides the elephants and cars in Boo Boo Boo. Your baby is learning every day. We hope you’ll enjoy this entry in Yuko Ohnari and Koshiro Hata’s Baby Book Series together!

Squeeze Squeeze Squeeze

Babies need lots of hugs and Squeeze Squeeze Squeeze introduces a variety of techniques. Hands, tummies, stuffed animals—all for the squeezing!

Taro Miura

El and Moe

Taro Miura has produced many picture books for babies with beautiful drawings and simple stories. Many readers have his book Kuttsuita (Things that stick together; Kogumasha). Having been featured in both the Bologna Illustrator’s Exhibition and the Bratislava Worldwide Picture Book Illustration Exhibition, he is a picture book creator with a global reputation.

The protagonist this time is El the baby elephant. Diaper-aged El may be big, but he’s definitely still a baby. This series aims to push the cuteness and humor of an elephant baby living a human baby lifestyle.

El Says No

Good Night, El

Previously Published

Series

Coochie Coo

The Wait Ups

Bottoms

There, There

Age 0+
24 pages
180 × 180 mm
2014 March
Sold: China, South Korea

Age 0+
24 pages
180 × 180 mm
2016 January
Sold: China, South Korea

Age 0+
24 pages
180 × 180 mm
2016 June
Sold: China, South Korea

Age 0+
24 pages
180 × 180 mm
2016 April
Sold: China

Age 1+
24 pages
180 × 180 mm
2013 September
Sold: China, South Korea

Age 1+
24 pages
180 × 180 mm
2016 April
Sold: China

Age 1+
24 pages
180 × 180 mm
2016 June
Sold: China

Age 1+
24 pages
180 × 180 mm
2016 August
Sold: China

Age 0+
24 pages
160 × 160 mm
2008 May
Sold: UK, South Korea

Age 0+
24 pages
160 × 160 mm
2008 May
Sold: UK, South Korea

Age 0+
24 pages
160 × 160 mm
2008 May
Sold: UK, South Korea
Mouse and Mole are great friends, but haven’t seen each other since the snow fell. When a shooting star zooms across the sky, Mouse decides to find it and have it grant his wish to see his pal again. In the morning, he and all the other animals notice strange footprints in the snow. Could the shooting star be hopping around somewhere? Where is Mole, anyway? Yuki Shimokawara’s award-winning debut is an adorable story of friendship accompanied by her lifelike wildlife illustrations.

Star Hunting

Yumi Shimokawara

Mr. and Mrs. Dried Shiitake: Beware of Kaentake

The third book in the Old Mr. and Mrs. Dried Shiitake series finds the pair scattering spores in the mountains, but Mr. Dried Shiitake gets lost. When he runs into a band of poisonous kaentake, they make him do a dance and end up liking it so much that they take him prisoner. Will he and his cell mates the glowing mushrooms escape? Maybe if Mrs. Dried Shiitake has anything to say about it...

Motoko Ishikawa

All the animals are caught in the rain. Will they be all right? Luckily, they have umbrellas. The little mouse uses a mushroom. How about the others?

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

Previously Published

Age 2+
32 pages
270 x 220 mm
2017 November

Series

Mr. and Mrs. Dried Shiitake

Age 3+
32 pages
270 x 220 mm
2017 August

Mr. and Mrs. Dried Shiitake: Beware of Kaentake

Age 3+
32 pages
270 x 220 mm
2017 November

Mr. and Mrs. Dried Shiitake: A Close Call in Clammy Valley

Age 3+
32 pages
270 x 220 mm
2016 October

Age 3+
32 pages
270 x 220 mm
2015 September

Previously Published

Age 2+
24 pages
220 x 230 mm
2017 June

Sold: South Korea, Taiwan

Age 3+
32 pages
270 x 220 mm
2015 September

Sold: China, South Korea

Age 3+
32 pages
270 x 220 mm
2016 October

Sold: China
Tomohiko Fujimoto, Yasunari Murakami

What Will You Be When You Grow Up?
Author Tomohiko Fujimoto has been a preschool play advisor for many years, and at each year’s graduation ceremony, he speaks to kids about thinking about their futures. This is the picture book version of that talk with illustrations by Yasunari Murakami, who is popular with both preschoolers and their parents.
What will you be when you grow up? In order to be what you want, remember this: Make sure to have a variety of different experiences in life.

Akemi Yamagata

Where Is It? Christmas Discoveries
Today is Christmas. The penguin family is going out to buy presents. They visit all sorts of stores selling toys, clothes, furniture, books, fruit, cakes, Christmas decorations, and more... They have fun shopping while readers enjoy the seek ’n find activities. What? Oh no! The little boy penguin got lost?! Will he be able to reunite with his mommy?
Marcus Pfister

The Rainbow Fish Scratch Art Picture Book

The Rainbow Fish, beloved by 30 million people around the world, is now a scratch art picture book. As you read the story of the Rainbow Fish, scratch at the fish shapes to reveal Rainbow Fish and his friends. Each page is different! Keep scratching to find a colorful rainbow, sparkly pictures, and more.

Mitsumasa Anno

Let's Count Them

Internationally known picture book author Mitsumasa Anno teaches preschool readers to count via seek’n find activities in beautiful illustrations of the European countryside. Recipient of the Boston Globe-Horn Book Award, the New York Academy of Science Children’s Books Award, and the Kodansha Publishing Culture Award for Picture Books.

Previously Published

The King Who Loved Big Things

Once upon a time, there lived king who dearly loved all things that were really big. What happens when a tulip bulb is planted in huge pot? Will it grow into an enormous flower?
Naoko Shono

“Welcome to the North Pole Circus!”
At the sound of the arctic wolf ringmaster’s voice, the polar bears’ graceful ice dance begins. Then come arctic hares jumping through rings of fire and arctic foxes on the trapeze. The circus of all-white animals that comes floating along on some ice is strange, fun, and, for some reason, a little sad. Have a wonderful time at the dream-like show.

Naoko Shono is familiar to readers from the popular Lucchio & FuriFuri series. Check out her new book full of charming illustrations.
Luchika the Hedgehog: Picking Apples

Luchika the hedgehog goes on a walk. He comes across some tasty looking apples up in a tree, but he can’t reach them. What should he do?

The popular fantasy series Luchika the Hedgehog gets a picture book entry for young readers. The illustrations are by Yoko Kitami, who won the Bologna Ragazzi Award in 2009 for Rue to Rinden tabi to o-rusuban (Rue and Linden: a journey and staying home; by Rui Kodemari; published by Kodansha).

Luchika the Hedgehog: The Halloween Lantern

Halloween comes but once a year. Luchika and his pals are busy decorating, carving pumpkins, and getting into costume! Halloween is the day between fall and winter, and it’s also the day the gate to another world opens... When a mysterious friend finds his way into their world, Luchika and co. work together to help him out. This heartwarming Halloween tale features the themes of friendship and parent-child love. It’s the seventh book in the Luchika the Hedgehog series.
Tomori Circo

**Our Rial Life**
- 64th Sankei Fuji TV Award
- 56th Kodansha Award of Children’s Literature for Newcomers
- 50th Japanese Association of Writers for Children Prize for Newcomers

*His name is Rial Akiyama. There isn’t a kid at our school who doesn’t know him. Why? Because he’s awesome—the most popular kid in our grade. The one and only number one. He’s the class clown and has a bright personality. All the cute girls are always gossiping about him.*

This is a story of three friends: the popular guy Rial, the ordinary guy, and the handsome, half-Finnish transfer student, Saji. The ordinary protagonist is an old friend of popular Rial’s and has felt inferior to him since they were little. Then he learns Rial’s painful past—that his little brother died, and that he has always blamed himself for it. Saji definitely has a thing for Rial. Does that mean he’s gay? Both Rial and the protagonist are touched by his genuine personality. The depiction of the three boys’ emotions is so skillful, you’ll want to read the whole book in one sitting.

*The three of us have different strengths and weaknesses. That’s why we can help each other. This is a story of a spring and summer we spent together.*

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**Sakuko Ichikawa**

**The Little Goat’s Crown**
- 66th Shogakukan Children’s Publication Culture Award

*14-year-old Natsume applies to a summer camp at a temple deep in the mountains to escape her suffocating daily life with her bossy dad and meek mom. But then she’s the only one who shows up…? A series of chance occurrences lands her in a strange cohabitation with three goats, the young man who keeps turn and an abandoned 5-year-old boy.*

*What does independence mean for children? Can they escape the old-fashioned values of their controlling parents? *The Little Goat’s Crown* is a charming, powerfully moving story of starting over.*

**ABC! Akebono Broadcasting Club**
- 49th Japanese Association of Writers for Children Prize for Newcomers

*Misato is an introverted junior high school student. At one time she gave her all for the basketball team, but her mean teammates barely included her, then ignored her, and in the end she quit. After being uninvolved in school activities for half a year, she is invited to join the broadcasting club. It’s a tiny club: Equipment geek Koba is president and Misato, with no announcing experience, is vice-president. If no new students join, the club will be disbanded next year. What should Misato do…? Readers will enjoy this feel-good story’s friendship, romance, and small club spunk!*

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**Age 10+**

- **224 pages**
- **200 x 130 mm**
- **2016 June**

**81,000 copies sold**
Rudolf the Black Cat Series

*Rudolfu to Ipaiattena* (Rudolf and Gotta Bunch) is a work of children’s literature that won the Kodansha Award for New Writers of Children’s Literature in 1986 and was published the following year. 30 years later, the story of how these cats, who overflow with more humanity than some humans, meet and part still has many fans. Now the moving story loved across generations has been made into a 3-D computer animated feature film! We hope you’ll take a look at the ever-expanding world of Rudolf and Gotta Bunch.

**Rudolf the Octopus’s Discovery**
What did the octopus boy learn from the book *Land Animals*?

**The Sunfish’s Problem**
The sunfish borrows one book after another, so why doesn’t he seem to be having any fun?

**The Tuna and the Prawn**
The tuna has to be swimming all the time, so how will he be able to read?

**The Book Repairer**
When a baby crab tries to turn the page, it rips. What to do?

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**The Sea Library: The Three Eel Siblings**
The second book in the series! Four more simple tales that take place at the library under the sea.

1. **The Three Eel Siblings**
They’re so into their books, their bodies get all tangled. Ugh-oh!

2. **A Letter from the Football Fish**
The flounder receives a letter from a football fish saying she wants to borrow a book, but…

3. **The Seahorse Father**
An easily moved seahorse father reads to the babies inside him.

4. **The Singing Picture Book**
When the ray flaps his fins, he feels like he has turned into a big book.
**X-01**

X-01 is a story of child warriors. Lata was born a warrior, but is there a reason it's okay for her to kill others to live? In a situation where survival is impossible without killing, can boy and girls find salvation in their bonds with other people? Those are the question this YA novel poses to readers. Expect big things from this Japanese hit!

**Story**

The day before Yu's 15th birthday, her father dies, and his final words are “X-01”. Then men in black come to destroy the town in their search for the human weapon (?) X-01. What in the world… could X-01 be? Meanwhile, the country Lata lives in is on the brink of collapse. Picked up off the street by a one-eyed general, she starts down a path of blood as a female warrior. Lata, who thinks nothing of killing people, meets pure-hearted Yu. Boys and girls are thrown into conflict over a weapon that is capable of destroying everything!

**Author's Profile**

Born 1954. Won the Noma Children's Literature Prize, the Shogakukan Children's Publication Culture Award, and other children's literary prizes with *Battery*. A popular YA author in Japan, her near-future YA series *No.6* was adapted into an animated TV series, as well as a comic, and sold over 1.5 million cumulative copies.

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**Monkey Life Series**

The tranquil daily lives of monkeys on a small island will remind you of the important things in life.

“First try yawning real big. Then flop down and scratch your butt; yeah, that might be good. Once you've done that, then you're a monkey buddy,” says Hiroshi Ito as a kind of forward to his monkey slice-of-life story, *Monkey Life*. What do monkeys do? Well, monkey things, like throwing frogs and picking fleas off of each other. However, once or twice a year the monkeys on a certain southern island are visited by Old Mr. Sea Turtle. What story from his travels will he tell this time? This offbeat tale is sure to warm your heart.

**Author's Profile**

Born 1957 in Tokyo. His works include *Daijōbu, daijōbu* (It's all right, it's all right; winner of the Kodansha Publishing Culture Award), *Ruraru-san no niwa* (Mr. Rural's garden; winner of the Ehon Nippon Prize), *Osaru no mori* (The monkey forest; winner of the Ehon Nippon Prize), *No mori* (The monkey forest; winner of the Noma Prize for Juvenile Literature), and more.
Nahoko Uehashi

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.

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. They both disembark at a train station up north, but their fates change when a huge earthquake and tsunami strike. They are lost for words when asked to identify themselves at the evacuation shelter, but 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. Winner of the 54th Noma Prize for Juvenile Literature.

Sachiko Kashiwaba

Illustrated by Yukiko Saito

The Beast Player

2014 Han Christian Andersen Award

Hiko Tanaka

Illustrated by Kazuno Kohara

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In October, Santa is working out, training the reindeer to pull his sleigh, looking over the letters and postcards from children—in any case, he’s extremely busy. Then a little girl named Arumi appears out of nowhere and insists on being his apprentice. “I want to be Santa!” Can Arumi really drive a reindeer sleigh and deliver presents to children all over the world? Hiko Tanaka, an expert at presenting the world through a child’s point of view, delivers this original Christmas tale.

Author’s Profile

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 The Beast Player series were animated and broadcast on NHK. Uehashi’s works are read all over the world. The Moribito series has been translated into: English, French, Italian, Portuguese, Spanish, and traditional and simplified Mandarin. The Beast Player series has been translated into French, German, Swedish, Korean, and traditional and simplified Mandarin.

Little Santa

Illustrated by Kazuno Kohara

Hiko Tanaka

48 pages
200 x 140 mm
2017 September

2.6 million copies sold
When sixth-grader Oriko Seki (nicknamed Okko) loses her parents in an accident, she moves in with her grandmother who runs a hot springs inn called Spring Lodge. After meeting the ghost boy, Uri, who lives there, and Matsuki, the daughter of the family who runs rival accommodations, she somehow ends up training to be the next innkeeper. The work is intense, and she makes a lot of mistakes… Don’t give up! In this comedy, Okko does her best to make a parade of quirky guests smile.

I’m gonna use my spunk, imagination, and hospitality to make our guests smile!

Author’s Profile
Born in Osaka Prefecture, Reijo graduated from Kyoto Saga University of Arts. Her unique sense of humor caught the judges’ eyes when she entered the Kodansha Award of Children’s Literature for Newcomers, and she made her novelist debut. Her main works are this series, plus Onsen aidoru wa shōgakusei! (The hot springs idol is an elementary-schooler!) series.

Age 10+
216 pages
170 x 110 mm
2003 – 2013

Anime broadcast kicks off in April 2018!

Character Intros

Okko (Oriko Seki)
In sixth grade. Training to take over the hot springs inn Spring Lodge.

Suzuki
A demon who was living in a bell. Slightly evil.

Uri
A ghost who lives in Spring Lodge. Childhood friend of Okko’s grandma.

Matsuki Akino
Matsuki’s elder sister. Became a ghost at age seven. Lives at Spring Lodge.

Matsuki’s in line to take over a rival inn.
Katsuhiko Sato, Kuniko Nagasaki

Stories of Space That Will Keep You Up at Night: The Picture Book

This book presents the theme of “How have humans understood the cosmos?” in a dynamic way with popular illustrator Kuniko Nagasaki’s big, colorful pictures. Topics from ancient Egypt’s view of the universe to gravity waves that have only recently been measured are covered in an easy-to-understand way with engaging illustrations so that even elementary school-age readers can grasp the grand sweep of history.

Stories of Space and Life That Will Keep You Up at Night: The Picture Book

How did life appear on Earth in the first place? How have humans thought about extraterrestrial life and aliens? What do we know so far? This dynamic, approachable book is here to help kids start pondering exactly those sorts of questions. Beginning with fairy tales and folk beliefs and ending with the recent discovery of Earth-like planet Proxima Centauri b, this volume is sure to engage any kids curious about what might be “out there.”

Satorino Fuchigami, Tadahiro Uesugi

Rady the Nurse Cat

In a true story from Poland, a sick little kitten is taken to an animal shelter where no one expects him to live. Then, not only does he pull through, he cuddles other animals to help them feel better as well—even if they’re multiple times bigger than him! You may know Nurse Cat Rady (Rademenes) from the Internet, but you’ve never seen him like this. Tadahiro Uesugi’s adorable illustrations add an extra level of cuteness to this true story adapted by Satorino Fuchigami.

Author’s Profile
Born 1974. Video artist. He’s also edited and written books. Shiroi Sonia (White Sonia; Jiyukokuminsha) became a bestseller.

Illustrator’s Profile
Born 1966 in Miyazaki Prefecture. Setsu Mode Seminar graduate. Won the 37th Annie Award for Production Design in a Feature Production for his concept art for the movie Coraline. He also did concept art for Disney’s Big Hero 6 and created its setting.
Motoko Matsuda, Kazuo Kawakami

The Long, Long Journey of Our Bones

4.6 billion years ago, Earth was formed, and many lifeforms came into being as the lands and seas stabilized: unicellular organisms, multicellular organisms, relatives of fish who lived in the sea, animals who climbed up onto land... Explore the fascinating evolution of bones, as well as how humans are connected to our ancestors from the primordial sea via the ocean we always carry inside us. The best part for aspiring young scientists might be that the story isn’t over yet!

Disney Doodling Book

This fun-filled book features over 80 crayon-style Disney illustrations. From coloring, to drawing the rest of an unfinished doodle, each page has a theme. Kids can start on any of the 128 pages and get a sense of achievement as they progress. Bring out your children’s aspirations and foster their imaginations.

STAR WARS × MANGA ARTISTS ARTBOOK
MARVEL × MANGA ARTISTS ART BOOK

Your favorite scenes and characters from the Star Wars and Marvel universes appear as you’ve never seen them before in these art books featuring a rare crossing of the boundaries between American comics and Japanese manga. Well-known, popular artists have been selected from around the globe with an eye on appealing to fans worldwide. These volumes are must-haves for Star Wars, Marvel, and manga/comics lovers.