

## "Best Books, Music & Movies in Tokyo"

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### Maruzen Nihonbashi Store

"Outstanding Selection Of Books And Magazines"

Maruzen is one of the major bookstore chains in Japan. The Nihonbashi store is the flagship of the line, located in the center of Tokyo near the Imperial Palace. Maruzen has a voluminous collection of titles in English and of course an almost unparalleled collection of books, CD-ROMs and microfilms in Japanese. There is also a broad selection of periodicals and newspapers in English and Japanese. Photo buffs will find a superb assortment of books in English on photography and the visual arts.



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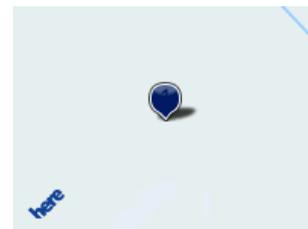
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### Shosen Grande

"Books on Japanese Idols and Celebrities"

Shosen Grande is located in the book district in Jimbocho. Haven for curious souls and book enthusiasts, you will find special books from spirituality, idol worship, celebrities to railways. If you want to find out more about Japanese traditions or dig into celebrity life, then this store is perfect for you.



📍 1-3-2 Kanda Jimbocho, Tokyo



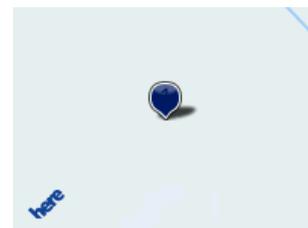
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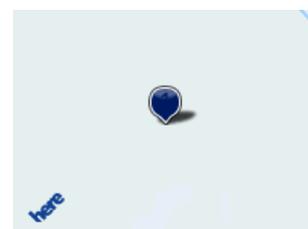
### Tamura Shoten

"Venerable Booksellers"

Book lovers are spoiled for choice in the Jimbocho area, with over 140 booksellers competing for their attention. Tamura Shoten is one of the oldest and the best-known - it was founded in 1904 and Yoshio Okudaira, a member of the founding family, still runs it. The first floor is primarily Japanese books but the floor above contains books in English, French and German, in a variety of topics. There is also a gorgeous display of first editions, featuring signed volumes from Proust amongst others; also, Tamura Shoten bids in overseas auctions - a great opportunity to get that book you've always wanted. Credit cards are accepted for purchases over JPY7000.



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## Isseido Shoten

"Wonderful, Old & Rare Books"

Jimbocho, or 'old book town', gets its name from the 140 secondhand bookstores located in the Kanda area. There are also 30 bookstores specializing in new publications, and nearly 500 publishing houses, one of them being the Isseido Shoten. Since many of Japan's foremost universities are located in this area, this bookstore is even more significant. A trip to Jimbocho wouldn't be complete without a stop at Isseido Shoten, known for an extensive collection of old and rare books and manuscripts. Browse for bargains or just to soak up the rich wealth of stored knowledge. English volumes as well as Japanese editions are available.

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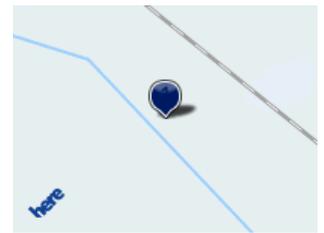


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## CLC English & Foreign Bookstore

"Tokyo's Premier Christian Bookstore"

The shop's name sums it up. It is probably the largest Christian bookstore in Tokyo. It certainly has the largest collection of English language titles. There is an extensive collection of Christian books, tapes magazines. There is also a large selection of books for children. An interesting shop in which you can browse through Christian literature, in a variety of languages, from all over Asia.



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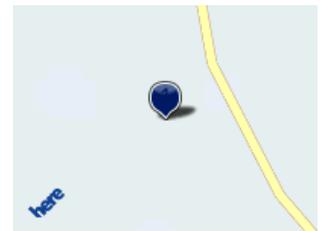


by Carolyn Coles

## Rinrokaku Bookstore

"Academic Treasure Trove"

Bunkyo-ku is home of the University of Japan, the Japanese equivalent of Harvard. Appropriately, the Rinrokaku Bookstore specializes in academic and scholastic books on China and Japan. This shop is perhaps the best source in Tokyo for scholarly works on China. They have an extensive selection of new books from the U.S., Europe, Taiwan and the Peoples' Republic of China in English and several other languages. There is a large collection of old and rare books as well, slaking the thirst of every kind of bibliophile.



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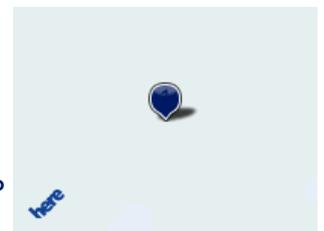


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## Photo Gallery International

"Photography Specialist"

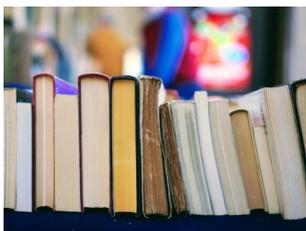
Photography is hugely popular in Japan and a majority of Japanese people both enjoy it as a hobby and appreciate it as an art form. The Photo Gallery International is a popular gallery and bookshop dedicated to the photographic arts. It organizes exhibitions and several other events surrounding the theme of photography and welcomes patrons of all ages. Renowned photographers like Ansel Adams, Edward Weston, Harry Callahan etc. have featured their works in the gallery.



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## Kinokuniya Shinjuku Main Store

"Book Lovers' Delight"

Right down the street from Studio Alta, Shinjuku's famous rendezvous point, Kinokuniya's main store has a large selection of books on Japanese art and an entertaining collection of English travel guides and books about Tokyo and Japan. The bulk of the English books have been moved to the Takashimaya Times Square store about five minutes away. You can order anything you can't find on the shelves through their in-store online bookshop.



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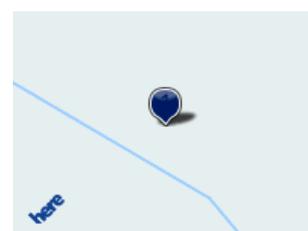


by Dave Heuts

## Bonjour Records

"Hello to Great Music"

Bonjour Records is a great shop for discerning music fans - with a selection of new and used CDs as well as hip range of merchandise, it's a fantastic spot to stock up on Japanese limited editions of albums. Bonjour also regularly has bands playing live sets in-store; a sure sign of a music shop with credibility. With a bookstore and a small cafe to enjoy coffee, this music shop is everything you would ask for. Check the website for more details.



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In Shibuya Publishing Booksellers, a bright, spacious store, you can peruse books until your heart's content. The late opening, the fantastic selection of books and magazines (both foreign and domestic) and the arrangement of texts by theme rather than author create a fantastic book-buying experience. Shibuya Publishing Booksellers also operates as a publishing house.



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