



## ① RYOKEN SHOTEN

Since its founding in 1971, before the recovery of diplomatic relations between Japan and China, the store has been strictly specializing in books related to China. There are two main sections: imported books from China and books related to Chinese medicine. Most of the imported books are modern publications from China with information about old times. The collection covers a wide range of fields such as literature, philosophy, archeology, history, biographies, atlases, and dictionaries. For literature, they offer many classical literature and plays. His ...

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## ② TEBUNKO

This store mainly offers paperbacks of Japanese and foreign literature. They also sell miscellaneous handmade goods -- hence the name of the store "Tebunko," derived from the combination of "paperback" and "handmade." This tiny shop is by the side of an alley, and it's very clean and pleasant to stay. The main bookshelf is full of paperback books such as Iwanami Bunko as well as literature, hobby, picture books, and postcards.

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## ③ ITALIA SHOBO

The first Italian import bookstore in Japan. The majority of the books are in the Italian language but they also have books in Spanish and Portuguese on stock as well. Books range from photo books to light reading and used books. The store is popular amongst the Italian ex pat community and language teachers looking for pictures books for their class instructions. The cookbooks and visual books offer a temporary escape into the Tuscan countryside! Besides books they also have a variety of small gifts and Knick knacks which complement the Italian tri colo ...

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## ④ OGAWA TOSHO

Certainly the place to find old western published books especially English literature, history and dictionaries. Reservation required. Pre 1970 s magazines such as a fashion and current affairs magazines are on display. Fashion section is divided into decades while the news magazines are ordered on a yearly basis. Their cultural section is very impressive such as complete works compilations, stage, literary criticisms, and poems. Reading a classical book but can't figure out the meaning several words? Look here for old dictionaries, some dating back to the ...

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## ⑤ KITAZAWA SHOTEN

There is a dignified, eye-catching shop in a European-style building on Yasukuni Street. Take the spiral staircase from the Book House Cafe on the first floor to Kitazawa Bookstore on the second floor. This store was opened in 1902 and became devoted to Western books in 1955. It sells used Western books related to the humanities, mainly British and American literature. The stock numbers 12,000 books, with a wide range of items from paperbacks to rare publications.

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## ⑥ TAMURA SHOTEN

Located on the 5th floor of the Kanda Jimbocho Kosho Center, this store mainly sells mineral specimens, gemstones, and antiques. The main store is in Ikebukuro, which hosts events and publishes works related to alternative remedies, while the Jimbocho store offers healing and spiritual books, and fantasy literature. Inside the store, glossy gemstones, fashionable and cute items with motifs of mushrooms and frogs are displayed nicely, making you want to take a good closer look around. Exhibitions by artists and bargain sales are also often held.

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## ⑦ UCHIYAMA SHOTEN

Chinese language bookstore located on Suzuran Dori. Forty percent of their stock are books, magazines, DVD's and CD's, about China that are published in Japan while the other sixty percent are imported from China, Hong Kong and Taiwan. Some of the most popular items are Chinese language texts including actual texts that school children use in China. Their customers tend to be more business and language related oriented. Second floor has movie and Martial art related books, videos, while the third floor is all used books. If you are planning a trip to Chi ...

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## ⑧ NANYODO SHOTEN

This store which started in the mid 1920's and since the end of the Second World War, specializes in architecture and design related themes. Because this type of bookstore focuses mainly on architecture it has achieved somewhat of a celebrity status both outside and within Japan. They have a wide selection of both old and new books, overseas books, and back issues of related magazines. The first and second floor was renovated in 2007 with the third and fourth floors hosting galleries and other related books, etc. The street view has huge glass windows an ...

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## ⑨ SUBUNSO SHOTEN

This western book specialist store has social science study books such as philosophy and business, etc on the first floor. On the second floor are first editions, limited editions, and photo books, many quite rare. Many of the rare editions have beautifully bound, leather covers and bindings. Their collection mostly consists of books from the 17th Century to the beginning of the 20th Century and you get a feeling from the atmosphere of the store that you are being transported to an old bookstore somewhere in Europe! In front of the store they often have ...

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## ⑩ YAMAMOTO SHOTEN

Yamamoto Shoten, opened in 1909, is a used bookstore that mainly handles classics, including books with stitched bindings. It focuses particularly on China-related books and calligraphy, and is one of Japan's most renowned shops selling imported books that have been reprinted in Japan. The proprietor says this store is unique because "customers can quietly browse to find the book they want." People also contact this store for materials needed to make documentaries and calligraphy examples.

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## ⑪ SHOUNDO SHOTEN

Shoundo Shoten, on the westernmost side of the Kanda Jimbocho used bookshop quarter, was founded over a century ago in 1890. This used bookstore handles Chinese and Japanese classics, mainly Chinese poetry, classical Chinese writing, Japanese books, and Chinese literature. The classic books are stacked flat and piled up high on both sides of the store. Customers can take off their shoes to enter the recess behind the register where the valuable books are kept.

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## ⑫ NISHIAKI SHOTEN

This shop lies outside the main Jinbouchou area and more towards JR Suidobashi station. Here you will find books that concentrate mostly on the Japanese language and cultural studies. Books related to the various Japanese dialects found across the country, "Manyoshu" (Ancient Japanese Poetry), right up to the most recent publications can be found. Their clientele consists mainly of libraries, scholars, teachers and students of linguistic studies. Recently they have also been stocking books related to the studies of children's novels.

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