



## ① 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.

2-7 Kanda Jimbocho, Chiyoda-ku



## ② IIJIMA SHOTEN

This well-known store specializes in calligraphy. On the wall you will find texts on from volumes to journals as well as how to books, all related to the art of calligraphy. In the center of the store is a large display case that contains three types of important items related to the art, "Suiteki" (Water droppers, vassals for adding moisture to the ink stone), "Houcho" (Text books for practicing calligraphy), and "Takuho" (Stone rubbings/ Etchings). Due to the concerns of damage to historical artifacts, many of these stone rubbings are considered rare. ...

Second Floor, 2-3 Kanda Jimbocho, Chiyoda-ku



## ③ SEISHINDO SHOTEN

One of the longest established bookstores in the Jinboucho area, this book specializes in Japanese style books which include books from the beginning of the Edo period (1603-1868) to the present day, over 1000 items. Here you will find books about Calligraphy, Japanese History, Japanese historical figures biographies, folklore and Chinese classic literature. They also have a high quality selection of academic materials. Interesting to note that the building this store is located in was chosen as an important cultural landmark due to its unique faade by ...

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## ④ ISSHINDO SHOTEN

This store is easily identifiable by the large pile of books piled in the front display window. Inside they have large size books with most of them dealing with Japanese art related themes as well as sword, weaponry and battle armor. Entering the store look to the right and you will see this section. Flipping through these books will give you an appreciation of the art and aesthetics of the numerous swords and armor that was produced in the olden times. Sword aficionados can marvel at their book collection of "Oshigata" (The impression on paper of the tr ...

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## ⑤ MANBAKEN

Specialty store of calligraphy works, inkstones, and old brushes, opened in 2002. The owner, Keigo Manba, is known as a connoisseur of calligraphy. Specializes in beautiful Japanese calligraphy such as Ryokan's works, ancient calligraphy in the Heian and Kamakura eras. They have a large selection of old inks and seal materials as well as the inkstone of Tankei Suigan. If you are interested in literary and beautiful Japanese calligraphy, this is a store you should definitely stop by.

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## ⑥ KOWA SHOBO

Specializing in Chinese classic books, Japanese engraved books, and books related to calligraphy. Previously office-operated, it opened its store in front of the Surugadaishita intersection in 2020. Modern reprints, facsimile reprints, book covers that you can actually touch, and bibliographical materials to understand the content are available. For calligraphy, they also store rubbed copies, old seals, and other calligraphy supplies. There are desks and chairs in the store, so you can get comfortable and take a closer look.

1F Kurata Bldg. 1-12 Kanda Jimbocho, Chiyoda-ku



## ⑦ BUNKADO SHOTEN

Collectors of Militaria related books and texts this store will have what you are looking for! From the narrow front to the back, this compact shop covers most Japanese and world theaters of conflict from the early years of the Japan/ China conflicts to more recent times. Through the vast wealth of information on war they also have specific topics such as war leader's biographies, diplomatic history, and regiment / army histories. They also have a small section of foreign language books as well as journals and magazine back issues. Many years ago veteran ...

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## ⑧ ISHIDA SHOBO

Located on Suzuran Dori behind the Sanseido main book store, climb the steep stairs to the second floor to go back in movie history. Inside you will find scripts, magazines, journals, screen plays and more dedicated to both Japanese and overseas films. Looking for old European movie related paraphernalia, then check out the table in the center of the store. Books about costumes, props as well as certain genres can be found as well as a large selection dedicated to Nouvelle Cinema and art house films.

Fujimoto Bldg. Second Floor 1-19 Kanda Jinboucho, Chiyoda-ku.

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## ⑨ 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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## ⑩ YAMADA SHOTEN ART DEPARTMENT

This store has a wide range of prints from Ukiyo-e to contemporary prints. The name of the store includes "bookstore," but it may feel more like a gallery or a museum. Glass display cases and drawers are displayed in the store, and the inside of the drawers can be viewed by the customers themselves. Located on the second floor, and you can see some amazing and rare items displayed on the side of the stairs. Besides artworks, they also provide art-related books such as art books and exhibition catalogs.

2F Yamada Bldg. 1-8 Kanda Jimbocho, Chiyoda-ku



## ⑪ AGRICULTURAL BOOK CENTER

The only bookstore specializing in agriculture in Japan moved from Otemachi Building in 2014 to the current location. They store about 36,000 books on agriculture and offer specialized books that are difficult to find at general bookstores. A range of books fills their shelves – from technical books and specialized magazines to cookbooks and gardening books. It's a store that you can enjoy even if you're not an expert, and you may find an unexpected book within their niche book collection. Please ask their staff as they are always happy to help you with bo ...

3F Daiichi Fuji Bldg. 2-15-2 Kanda Jimbocho, Chiyoda-ku

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## ⑫ AISHOKAN NAKAGAWA SHOBO

Opened in 2012, the store is located next to Bunkado Bookstore, in the back alley of Yasukuni Dori. Books are mainly collected through second-hand sales, so you may find bargains every time you visit. They have a wide range of selections such as complete works, history, religion, philosophy, hobby, art, architecture, photography, Japanese books and prints, and paperback books related to academics.

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