



## ① SHOUND0 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.

3-1 Kanda Jimbocho, Chiyoda-ku



## ② TAKAYAMA HONTEN

Takayama Honten, founded in 1875, is the oldest shop in this area. It is located at the entrance to the Kanda Kosho Center, the symbol of Jimbocho. This famous used bookstore is known for its lineup of works on topics including Noh, Kyogen, Kabuki, martial arts, and food. This bookstore communicates closely with authors, particularly Ryotaro Shiba. He asked Takayama Honten to gather books on specific subject, resulting in all books on those themes vanishing from Jimbocho.

Kanda Kosho Center Bldg. 2-3 Kanda Jimbocho, Chiyoda-ku



## ③ Yamagataya Kamiten

Paper, paper and more paper! Originally founded in the late 1800's, this store provided paper supplies to the Imperial Household under a royal warrant. The store has survived it all, from the great Tokyo fire in the early 1900's to the Kanto Earthquake of 1923 to the aerial bombing of WW II, they are durable establishment! Paper aficionados will be in awe of the wide variations of paper that are offered. Searching all over Japan, they have almost every type of Japanese "Washi" paper which is used for wrapping, calligraphy, decorating, etc. Of course they ...

2-17 Kanda Jimbocho, Chiyoda-ku



## ④ Yousuko Saikan

From the late 1890's there were several Chinese schools and residents in this area and this restaurant has been in operation since 1906. The store is credited with creating the original Japanese/ Chinese dish "Hiyashi Chuko" which is chilled noodles that are eaten during the heat of summer. Notable customers to this establishment have been Chiang kai Shek and Chinese writer Lu Xun. Some of their special menu items are Sweet and Sour Pork and Dumpling soup which has generous portions of meat inside.

1-11-3 Kanda Jimbocho, Chiyoda-ku



## ⑤ ISSEIDO SHOTEN

A bookstore that has a long history stretching back to 1903. Here you will find very antique western books, antique Japanese books, scrolls, old maps, and more. Besides these mentioned items they also have on stock books concerning Japanese and worldwide cultural interests. Movie fans can also enjoy their vast collection of film related books, especially those with an interest in Japanese cinema and stage productions. This store has worldwide connections and often purchases books and antiques from overseas such as from universities and museums. Many time ...

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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 GYOKUEIDO SHOTEN

Look for the window display with books neatly lined up inside. This store opened in Jimbocho in 1926. They're specialty is rare books and the owners feeling is that the reader can best connect with the time period that the book was released by the feel of the paper, how it was bound, and other characteristic traits of the book. The owner created a special room on the floor to house these rare books, along with certain writer's original manuscripts and other antiquities. Some special antiques of note are a Tale of Genji picture scroll dated from the mid M ...

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✖ ENGLISH No English Spoken



## ⑧ YAGI BOOKS OLD BOOK DEPARTMENT

The Yagi Books Old Book Department, founded in 1934, carries a wide range of publications of great historical value, including facsimile editions, first editions and manuscripts of modern literature, and works in the author's own handwriting. This shop is also known for its pioneering efforts in the industry, including its special prices for new books and usage of advanced technology in its management system.

1-1 Kanda Jimbocho, Chiyoda-ku

△ ENGLISH Limited English Spoken



## ⑨ OHYA SHOBO

Ohya Shobo was opened in 1882, and handles all sorts of publications from the Edo Period. In addition to bound books, it also carries old maps, ukiyoe prints, and old photographs from the late Edo Period and Meiji Period. Its lineup, organized by era, is extremely unusual even among the roughly 170 used bookstores in Jinbocho. Here, you can actually touch books and artworks that are kept beneath glass in art museums.

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## ⑩ SANSEIDO SHOTEN

Established as an antiquarian bookstore amid modernization in 1881. This main store where book lovers gather has a sales floor area of about 1,000m². They have abundant inventory as a landmark of the book town, Jimbocho. At the customer service counter, the staff will help you locate whatever you are looking to find. You can wander around the enormous store for a surprising encounter or search for a specific book with the help of a professional. Event information such as book signing and author talk is posted on the website.

1-1 Kanda Jinbouchou, Chiyodaku.



## ⑪ LUNCHEON

Located near the Jinbouchou intersection this restaurant opened in 1909 and serves western style meals prepared for the Japanese palette. Here you can have a quick beer and relax while you enjoy going through your purchases that you bought in Jinbouchou. Since this is a light lunch place their menu consists of meals that can be eaten with one hand while reading a book in the other such as meat pie and pork cutlets sandwiches which are a local favorite.

1-6 Kanda Jinbouchou, Chiyodaku



## ⑫ KAMEZAWADO

Founded in 1905, this is the original store of what was once a chain of ten over 70 years ago. Using high grade ingredients the store creates wonderful Japanese style desserts that are not so much a luxury item then more of an everyday treat that can be enjoyed daily. Every morning they hand make the Japanese confection "Mame Daifuku" (Azuki beans or soybeans are mixed with glutinous rice), which are sold from the middle of September to the end of May. Rice, beans and sugar are brought in from specially selected areas from around Japan to create these s ...

1-12-1 Kanda Jinbouchou, Chiyodaku



