



① NIHON SHOBO

This store is located closer to JR Suidobashi station. Founded just after the war in 1948, this store specialized in delivery of Japanese literature and classical books to schools and libraries. Examples are "The Tale of Genji", "Collection of Ten Thousand Leaves" (Classical poems), and Haiku (Matsuo Bashō, et al). They also have a wide selection of dictionaries focusing on such usages as grammar and dialects. Neatly organized, books are categorized into themes and subject matters. Study books number over 300, dynastic books around 500 and a large select ...

2-8-12 Nishikanda, Chiyoda-ku



② 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, "Manyōshū" (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.

2-3-3 Kanda Jimbocho, Chiyoda-ku



③ KEYAKI SHOTEN

Started in 1987, this store has a lineup that literature lovers will find very appealing. A perfect example would be the large selection of the Japanese Akutagawa Naoki awarded first edition books, limited edition books, original manuscripts, and first release journals. First edition books by Osamu Dazai and Agou Sakaguchi can be found here. Present day writer's signature books are also on stock such as Haruki Murakami, Natsuhiko Koyogoku, Miyuki Miyabe and Kaoru Takamura. Approximately four times a year they release a catalog of their stock which is wor...

6F Hayao Bldg. 1-9 Kanda Jimbocho, Chiyoda-ku



④ 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.

1-7 Kanda Jimbocho, Chiyoda-ku



⑤ GYOKUEIDO SHOTEN

Look for the window display with books neatly lined up inside. This store opened in Jimbocho in 1926. Their 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 antiques. Some special antiques of note are a Tale of Genji picture scroll dated from the mid M...

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⑥ 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.

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⑦ SANCHA SHOBO

Sancha Shobo was opened in Sangenjaya, Tokyo in 1948, and then moved to Kanda Jimbocho in 1964. The first National Diet Building (where the new Meiji Government held its first Imperial Diet session) burned down two months later, and this bookshop made news when it discovered two precious blueprints, letters, and other items from a huge trove of old documents. Reservations are required to enter the second floor, where historical documents from the Meiji to Showa Periods are kept.

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✖ ENGLISH No English Spoken



⑧ TAIUNDO SHOTEN

A wide collection of books and genres ranging to anywhere from Marital Arts, Chinese poems and literature, Asian medical texts, complete works literature, Japanese games (Shogi, Igo), etc. Near the entrance are several foreign language dictionaries and encyclopedias such as English, German, French and Romanian. They also have a stairway that leads down to a bottom level which is also worth a look as they have several art related books as well. The store is situated very close to the subway exit and is very easy to find.

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△ ENGLISH Limited English Spoken



⑨ TOYODO SHOTEN

This store, founded in 1924, can best be identified by the long strips of yellow paper in the front display window. Although they have many antique and study books, the store has a strong collection of books related to Religion, Buddhism, Divination, Japanese and Asian history. Their selection of Buddhist related study books are one of the best in Japan. Inside the shelves are divided by each individual religion which makes searching simple. For the hard core collectors such rare items as prayers scrolls can be found for many hundreds of Japanese yen. ...

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⑩ KOMIYAMA SHOTEN

Six floors of sub culture, new and collectors art prints, novels, art books, photo books and more. On the first floor they have a great array of vintage photo books and famous photographer's original prints. Fans of Japanese author Yukio Mishima will be sure to head to the top floor where they have original writings, autographs and other related memorabilia of this iconic writer. Each floor has something different so expect to spend a lot of time browsing. Every Friday and Saturday be sure to visit their garage sale at the side of the building for that s...

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⑪ BOHEMIAN'S GUILD

Bohemian's Guild is a branch of Natsume Books (opened in Ikebukuro in 1920 and closed in 2018) that was established in Jimbocho in 2004. As the name suggests, this store collects works of artists that are not bound by established customs. The first floor is focused on Western books, photography, and art. The second floor has paintings, rare books, handwritten manuscripts, and more. In particular, there are over 100 original works by Yumeji Takehisa. The proprietor said, "I want a lineup that astounds people."

1F&2F Kinoshita Bldg. 1-1 Kanda Jimbocho, Chiyoda-ku

📍 Selected spots 📍 Relating spots



⑫ AZUSA SHOBO

Founded in 1978 with the opening of the Kanda Kosho Book Center. Focusing on literature, they mainly stock books related to philosophy, education, and psychology. In the center of the store is a large display case that contains a number of limited editions that the current owner has inherited from the previous generation. The owner mentions, "It is also a strength of our store that visitors can physically touch and pick up these limited books." This bookstore values the connection with its customers and strives to create stores that can meet the needs of ...

4F Kanda Kosho Center, 2-3 Kanda Jimbocho, Chiyoda-ku

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