



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 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



③ HARA SHOBO PRINT DEPARTMENT

For Ukiyo-e related items, this is the place to visit. They have a wide range of Ukiyo-e, new prints, and replicas from affordable to first-class works, and the selection of books on Ukiyo-e is the best in the industry. Highly trusted by collectors from around the world and curators of museums. Representative works of Ukiyo-e from the Edo period such as those from Hokusai, Hiroshige, and Toyokuni, as well as Shin Hanga from the Taisho and Showa periods, are displayed throughout the wall of the gallery, which will make you feel like you are walking through ...

2F 2-3 Kanda Jimbocho, Chiyoda-ku



④ 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 ...

2-24 Kanda Jimbocho, Chiyoda-ku



⑤ 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



⑥ SARA SHOBO

This store has been in operation since 1967. The store's main selling point is Japanese history and local studies such as the Ainu people and the Ryukyu culture of Okinawa, folklore and archeology. If you are looking for books on the study of Japanese literature or calligraphy from the cultures of the Ainu or Ryukyu culture then this is the store that is a good place to start. Old maps from the 1600s to the early 20th century can also be found here. The owner started collecting Japanese maps from the mid 1860s period and now has over 200 in their collection ...

1-32 Kanda Jimbocho, Chiyoda-ku



⑦ 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.

1-1 Kanda Jimbocho, Chiyoda-ku



⑧ 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 times ...

1-7 Kanda Jimbocho, Chiyoda-ku



⑨ RYOGEN 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 ...

2F Tsukamoto Bldg. 3-2-9 Kanda Jimbocho, Chiyoda-ku



⑩ 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.

2-3-11 Kanda Jimbocho, Chiyoda-ku



⑪ 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.

1-9 Kanda Jimbocho, Chiyoda-ku



⑫ SHOSHI SHINSEIDO

This bookstore specializes in railway and industrial materials, old maps, and historical research materials related to Edo (Tokyo) from the Edo period to around 1955. They also have a large selection of postcards, photographs, posters, etc. Timetables and travel guides that show the state of travel in the Meiji and early Showa periods can be attractive to travel lovers. They are also actively purchasing related items, so feel free to contact them if you have something interesting to sell.

3F Jimbocho SF Bldg. 2-13-2 Kanda Jimbocho, Chiyoda-ku

