

Kinokuniya announces Kino Best! 2017

Kinokuniya Company Ltd (Chairman and President Masashi Takai) is pleased to announce the 30 best books that have been recommended in “Kino Best! 2017”.

“Kino Best! 2017” is a selection of new publications from the past year that have been chosen by Kinokuniya’s own staff. All of our staff were invited to pick the books they had read this year to recommend, they then wrote comments about the books they had found the most interesting and would recommend to customers as a must read.

This year, the selection committee, comprised of 16 members, decided the 30 best books by carefully reading these recommendation comments from the staff at Kinokuniya.

Our staff are confident in their selection and highly recommend these books. We invite our customers to come and see the “Kino Best! 2017” titles at our bookstores.

Kino Best! 2017 *Please click on the titles for information about the books. (Japanese only)

1. [Hon'yaku Dekinai Sekai no Kotoba](#) (Untranslatable Words from around the World) by Ella Frances Sanders/ Translated by Mayumi Maeda, SOGENSHA Inc. <language & reference>

Original title: Lost in Translation: An Illustrated Compendium of Untranslatable Words from around the World, Ten Speed Press/ Vintage

2. [Harinezumi no Negai](#) (Desire of the Hedgehog) by Toon Tellegen/ Translated by Saki Nagayama, Shinchosha Publishing <fiction>

3. [Mitsubachi to Enrai](#) (Honey Bee and Distant Thunder) by Riku Onda, Gentosha Inc. <fiction>

4. [Yako](#) (Travelling at Night) by Tomihiko Morimi, Shogakukan Inc. <fiction>

5. [Gaikotsu Shotenin Honda-san](#) (The Skeleton Bookstore Clerk, Honda-san) by Honda, KADOKAWA <comics>

6. [Mata, Onaji Yume wo Mite Ita](#) (I Had the Same Dream Again) by Yoru Sumino, Futabasha Publishers Ltd. <fiction>

7. [Machine no Owarini](#) (At the End of the Matinee) by Keiichiro Hirano, Mainichi Shimbun Publishing Inc. <fiction>

7. [Jajimento](#) (Judgement) by Yuka Kobayashi, Futabasha Publishers Ltd. <mystery>

9. [Kombini Ningen](#) (Convenience Store Person) by Sayaka Murata, Bungeishunju Ltd. <fiction>

10. [Kono Ato Doshichao](#) (What Shall I Do After This?) by Shinsuke Yoshitake, Bronze Publishing Inc. <children’s picture book>

11. [Anmaku no Gerunika](#) (Guernica Undercover) by Maha Harada, Shinchosha Publishing <fiction>

12. [Ieyasu, Edo wo Tateru](#) (Ieyasu Builds the City of Edo) by Yoshinobu Kadoi, SHODENSHA <historical novel>

12. [Tsumi no Koe](#) (A Voice of Crime) by Takeshi Shiota, KODANSHA <fiction>

12. [Shimekiribon](#) (Deadline Book) by Natsume Soseki et al, Sayusha <essay/anthology>

15. [Bunbougu Zukan](#) (The Illustrated Guide to Stationery) by Kentaro Yamamoto, IROHA PUBLISHING <reference/children>

16. [Purizun Bukku Kurabu](#) (Prison Book Club) by Ann Walmsley/Translated by Kazumi Mukai, Kinokuniya Company Ltd <nonfiction>

Original title: Prison Book Club, Oneworld Publications

17. [Mikazuki](#) (Crescent Moon) by Eto Mori, SHUEISHA <fiction>

17. [Yagate Umi eto Todoku](#) (We will Reach the Sea Soon) by Maru Ayase, KODANSHA <fiction>

19. [Shosetsu Kimi no Na wa](#). (Your Name, The Novel) by Makoto Shinkai, KADOKAWA <fiction/film novelisation>

20. [Shikyu no Naka no Hitotachi](#) (People in the Uterus) by EMI, KADOKAWA <comics>

20. [Senrei Daiari](#) (Baptism Diary) by Yumi Fuzuki, POPLAR Publishing <essay/poetry>

20. [Jini no Pazuru](#) (Jini's Puzzle) by Choi Sil-yi, KODANSHA <fiction>

23. [Kirin Biru Kochi Shiten no Kiseki](#) (Miracle in the Kirin Brewery Company's Kochi Office) by Jun Tamura, KODANSHA <nonfiction/business management>

23. [Kurara](#) (Dizzy) by Makate Asai, Shinchosha Publishing <historical novel>

23. [Omoshiroi! Shinka no Fushigi Zannenna Ikimono Jiten](#) (Interesting! Wonders of Evolution! An Encyclopaedia of Disappointing Animals) Edited by Tadaaki Imaizumi/Illustrated by Ayae Shimoma, Akiko Tokunaga & Fuyumi Kawamura, TAKAHASHI SHOTEN <children's reference/popular science>

26. [Taoreru Toki wa Maenomeri](#) (When You Fall Down, Fall Forward) by Hiro Arikawa, KODOKAWA <essay>

26. [Mura ni Hi wo Tsuke, Hakuchi ni Nare](#) (Set Fire To a Village, Become an Idiot) by Yasushi Kurihara, IWANAMI SHOTEN <biology/social philosophy>

26. [Akarui Yoru ni Dekakete](#) (Going Out in a Bright Night) by Takako Sato, Shinchosha Publishing <fiction>

26. [Tero](#) (Terrorism) by Ferdinand von Schirach/ Translated by Shinichi Sakayori, TOKYO SOGENSHA Co., Ltd. <fiction/legal suspense>

26. [Jerifisshu wa Koranai](#) (The Jellyfish Never Freezes) by Yuto Ichikawa, SOGENSHA Inc. Tokyo <mystery>

We will be promoting the “Kino Best! 2017” titles at Kinokuniya bookstores nationwide from Friday 10 February 2017. Free brochures with recommendation comments on each title will be available at our bookstores.

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