

Yokai Character Collection



Synopsis

MYTHICAL MONSTERS, JAPANESE HISTORY/MYTHOLOGY, FANTASY AND FUN, RICH AND AMAZING ILLUSTRATIONS. Through fun descriptions and 100+ full color illustrations, the Yokai Character Collection helps readers learn the Japanese alphabet of hiragana by pairing it with legendary creatures from Japanese mythology.

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Customer Reviews

Japan has everyone else beat on their monster variety. Love the illustrations. Kids will love this book. Adults will find it to be a conversation piece. Fun little book.

Fantastic illustrations! I can't stop looking at each one and noticing all the little things that makes them so beautiful. Good information too. Adults and kiddos alike will love this book. A true treasure. I use it in my college classrooms to illustrate (no pun intended) the amazing variety of global cultural foundations.

Great

Fun info and luscious illustrations.

I actually bought this from the Artist's website so that I could get it signed and customized with a sketch. I couldn't resist that. ;-) Chip Boles was an awesome person to chat with, he was quick to respond through the Facebook page for this book and it came in GREAT condition - protected, signed, and nice and crisp and new! The book itself is fun to look through. The pages are glossy and the illustrations are interesting. I love being able to sound out the Japanese words with the help from the book. Also, the information about the words and Japanese writing in the back is interesting. The ONLY thing I would have liked was an index so we could more easily find creatures we liked when we go back to look at the book again. It's sorted by Japanese word sounds, for lack of a better explanation, so it's not English alphabetical. I get why, and I'm fine with that. To anyone who is sensitive, you need to be aware that there are creatures in this book that some might find to be offensive or gross (to me they were funny but I am pretty open in my humor and understanding of monsters and mythology). There are a few that are pretty darn creepy, too, if you were wanting to show this to children or if you don't like things like zombies and demons. The illustrations are tame, considering this. But another consideration is that these features are a HUGE part of Japanese mythology and ancient culture. And also, Yokai were demons / spirits / ghosts. So it's not something you can ignore or get upset about, honestly. Keep that in mind!! personally LOVED it, as I love learning about all kinds of mythology from all over the world. It helps you understand where inspiration for modern culture comes from. If you are wondering, yes there are a few cute and playful 'monsters' in this as well. Famous Yokai are also included - Tanuki, Kirin, Kappa, Kitsune and others. Great book. Would buy again. :-)(To anyone wondering about the price / size, it is a higher price for the number of pages. But like I said they are all glossy and fully illustrated, so that raises the price and I honestly wouldn't have it any other way. It was worth it.)

Good book for a newcomer to the world of yokai and beginning Japanese also. I will keep this in my library and continue to enjoy it for years to come.

This is a great book for any one who wants a quick guide into the world of yokai. I'm a little disappointed that it doesn't go into more detail, but like I said it's a great beginners guide for some of the more well known yokai. Another plus is that it's beautifully illustrated. Perfect for kids who like

games like pok  mon, yo-kai watch, or any other type of similar games.

Learn hiragana and about yokai ! Our little Tanuki stands guard near our front door all these years being back stateside.

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