

## 『本当に伝えたい韓国』(Hontouni tsutaetai kankoku) Japanese/Culture

This book introduces Korean culture, idea, and customs. Korea is one of the nearest countries for Japan. That's why many Koreans come to Japan on business, for study and trip. In addition, there are direct flights between Korea and Matsuyama, so it is easy for both citizens to have return trip.

Korea is the nearest country but it has different culture and history. This book is really interesting because it tells us many new things. The explanation is easy to understand and written by short sentences, so Japanese leaners get used to this book easily. I hope that many people know about interesting Korean culture and customs, and make opportunity to think about the Korean and the relationship between Korea and Japan.



## 『EU騒乱』(EU souran) Japanese / Politics

August 15<sup>th</sup> is the anniversary of the end of World War II, and it is 74 years since the war ended. After the war European countries signed The Paris Treaty and decided to share their natural resources which were the major causes of the past wars in the Europe. Now, having singed Lisbon Treaty, European countries have made a new start as the EU. However, recently EU has many problems between reality and ideal. Author of this book who lives in France, pointed out the problems EU faces for several years. He doesn't deny EU ideal nor criticize EU policy. He focuses on what EU should do to maintain peace in European countries for the future. It is one of the best books to rethink about what the EU is.

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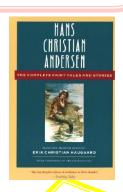
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## 『Birthday stories』 English/ Novel

Haruki Murakami is the famous Japanese author, and he has been getting popular in many other countries, too. This book is translation collection of short English novels with the theme of this book is "birthday". He adds his new short novel with the same theme of birthday. His original short novel is written by Japanese, and English novels which are selected by Haruki are translated into Japanese by him. If you compare with original one to English one, you will appreciate his works deeply.

People have many memories about their own birthday, and this book reminds us the memories of our special birthday. What is the special memory of your birthday?





FAIRY TALES AND STORIES English/Fairy tales

Have you ever read the Andersen's fairy tales? I think many people have read them in their childhood. Do you know where Andersen was born? He was born in Denmark as the son of a poor shoemaker. That's why the original stories were written in Dutch. Depending on the languages and countries, the end of the stories seems to be a little bit changed. This book is an English translation version and really close to the original stories. Please read this book, and compare to the stories that you know. They might be different ending from your familiar stories.

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