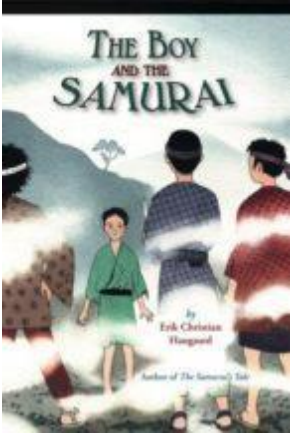
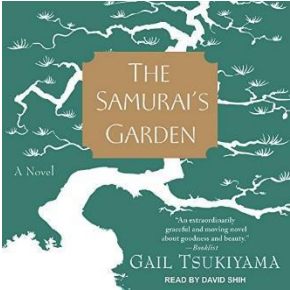
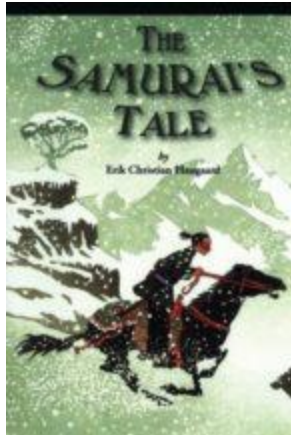


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Samurai book selections

	The Boy and the Samurai Erik C. Haugaard On his own in the teeming city, orphaned Saru learns to survive. He begs, steals, and fights for what he needs. He finds danger in bandits and street gangs, charity in tentative friendships with a priest and a cook's young daughter, and comfort from his little cat, Neko. But Saru trusts no one, until he meets a samurai and agrees to help in the rescue of his wife, held hostage in the castle. How can a street urchin and a lone warrior prevail. • Pages: 240 • Publisher: HMH Books for Young Readers • Publication Year: 2005
	The Samurai's Garden Gail Tsukiyama The daughter of a Chinese mother and a Japanese father, Gail Tsukiyama's <i>The Samurai's Garden</i> uses the Japanese invasion of China during the late 1930s as a somber backdrop for this extraordinary story. A 20-year-old Chinese painter named Stephen is sent to his family's summer home in a Japanese coastal village to recover from a bout with tuberculosis. Here he is cared for by Matsu, a reticent housekeeper and a master gardener. Over the course of a remarkable year, Stephen learns Matsu's secret and gains not only physical strength, but also profound spiritual insight. Matsu is a samurai of the soul, a man devoted to doing good and finding beauty in a cruel and arbitrary world, and Stephen is a noble student, learning to appreciate Matsu's generous and nurturing way of life and to love Matsu's soulmate, gentle Sachi, a woman afflicted with leprosy. • Pages: 224 • Publisher: St. Martin's Griffin • Publication Year: 1996

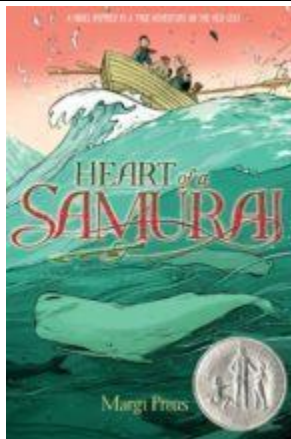


The Samurai's Tale

Erik C. Haugaard

When the powerful Lord Takeda's soldiers sweep across the countryside, killing and plundering, they spare the boy Taro's life and take him along with them. Taro becomes a servant in the household of the noble Lord Akiyama, where he meets Togan, a cook, who teaches Taro and makes his new life bearable. But when Togan is murdered, Taro's life takes a new direction: He will become a samurai, and redeem the family legacy that has been stolen from him.

- Pages: 256
- Publisher: HMH Books for Young Readers
- Publication Year: 2005

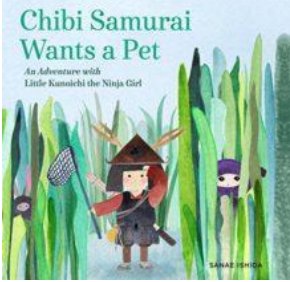
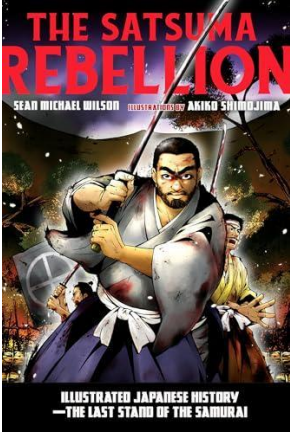


Heart of a Samurai

Margi Preus

In 1841, a Japanese fishing vessel sinks. Its crew is forced to swim to a small, unknown island, where they are rescued by a passing American ship. Japan's borders remain closed to all Western nations, so the crew sets off to America, learning English on the way. Manjiro, a fourteen-year-old boy, is curious and eager to learn everything he can about this new culture. Eventually the captain adopts Manjiro and takes him to his home in New England. The boy lives for some time in New England, and then heads to San Francisco to pan for gold. After many years, he makes it back to Japan, only to be imprisoned as an outsider. With his hard-won knowledge of the West, Manjiro is in a unique position to persuade the shogun to ease open the boundaries around Japan; he may even achieve his unlikely dream of becoming a samurai.

- Pages: 324
- Publisher: Amulet Books
- Publication Year: 2011

	Chibi Samurai Wants a Pet: An Adventure with Little Kunoichi the Ninja Girl Sanae Ishida In this new addition to the Little Kunoichi series, author and illustrator Sanae Ishida's beautiful art pairs with a gentle, fun lesson, featuring Little Kunoichi's buddy, Chibi Samurai. Inspired by Little Kunoichi's relationship with her pet ninja bunny, Chibi Samurai sets off to find a companion for himself. He explores many possibilities from Japanese culture—both real and mythical—thinking about how each creature might be as a pet. Little Kunoichi and her pet bunny cheer him on as he searches and searches, until finally Chibi realizes that the perfect pet, just right for a little samurai, has been with him all along. • Pages: 32 • Publisher: Little Bigfoot • Publication Year: 2017
	The Satsuma Rebellion: Illustrated Japanese History - The Last Stand of the Samurai Sean Michael Wilson (Author), Akiko Shimojima (Illustrator) Award-winning comic book writer Sean Michael Wilson and acclaimed manga artist Akiko Shimojima team up to tell the riveting story that changed the face of modern Japan. Depicting thrilling scenes of battles, gunships, castle sieges, and the samurais' heroic last stand, this book portrays the bloody uprising of 1877, when Satsuma rebels, led by the infamous Saigo Takamori, fought enforced modernization by the Meiji Japanese government. Their crushing defeat by the imperial army ended their power once and for all and ushered in an era of modern technology and western military methods. Wilson's thrilling narrative and Shimojima's striking images convey both the drama of these events and the importance of the historical moment. Historically accurate and with an easy-to-read format, <i>The Satsuma Rebellion</i> is Volume 2 in the Illustrated Japanese History series that began with <i>Black Ships</i>. • Pages: 112 • Publisher: North Atlantic Books • Publication Year: 2018