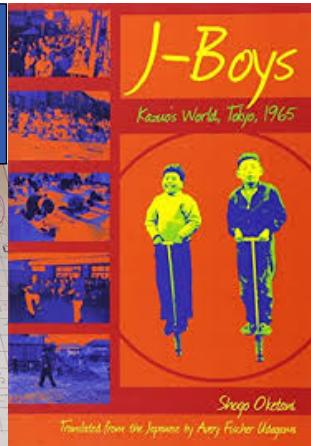


NATIONAL CONSORTIUM FOR TEACHING EAST ASIA PROGRAM FOR TEACHING EAST ASIA UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO BOULDER

FREE WINTER/SPRING 2019 ONLINE BOOK GROUP

Japan through Children's Literature

J-Boys: Kazuo's World, Tokyo 1965



The National Consortium for Teaching about Asia (NCTA) at the Program for Teaching East Asia, University of Colorado Boulder, invites applications for this winter/spring 2019 online book group.

Overview: Through this story of seven months in the life of Kazuo, a fourth-grade boy in 1965, readers explore themes and topics of continuity and change; social issues; and everyday life in Japan, such as school, family, community, food, and seasonal rituals. Participants read and discuss *J-Boys: Kazuo's World, Tokyo, 1965* (910 Lexile® Measure), by Shogo Oketani and translated by Avery Fischer Udagawa, and consider and discuss this autobiographical fiction's structure, style, and features, as well as social studies connections and classroom applications.

Online Format: The book group will be offered through three asynchronous modules. The book group opens with online introductions, February 1, 2019. The three modules run February 8-21; February 22-March 7; and March 8-26 (extended for spring breaks), followed by a live webinar with the author and translator sponsored by NCTA at the Five College Center for East Asian Studies during the first week of April 2019. Submission of a final paper and evaluation will complete the program on April 7, 2019.

Eligibility and Expectations: Open to intermediate elementary and middle school teachers nationwide. Admission is selective, and priority will be given to contract teachers whose curriculum incorporates Japan and teachers who have not previously taken an online course with the University of Colorado's NCTA or TEA programs. Participants are responsible for acquiring the book in advance of the book group start date. Teachers are expected to participate fully in all three module discussions and in a live webinar with the author and translator of *J-Boys*; submit a four-page Classroom Implementation Plan (CIP) describing ways to use the book in their teaching; and complete an evaluation.

Participation is free, with the following benefits for full participation:

- Certificate of Completion for 16 contact hours.
- \$50 completion award upon satisfactory completion of the course.

Apply online at www.colorado.edu/pteas/Japan-Child-Lit-Reg. Application closes January 17, 2019, or when book group is full. Book group limit: 20 eligible teachers. For more information, e-mail Catherine Ishida, ishida@colorado.edu.