

NATIONAL CONSORTIUM FOR TEACHING EAST ASIA  
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UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO BOULDER

WINTER/SPRING 2022 ONLINE BOOK GROUP

Japan through Children's Literature  
*Temple Alley Summer*



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 2022 online book group.

**Overview:** Through this story of a fifth-grade student's supernatural adventure during summer break, readers explore Japanese children's summer activities, Japan's cultural traditions and beliefs, and the genre of fantasy in Japanese children's literature. Participants read *Temple Alley Summer*, by Sachiko Kashiwaba, illustrated by Miho Satake, and translated by Avery Fischer Udagawa, to consider and discuss the literary features of the "outer" and "inner" stories, 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 11, 2022. The three modules run February 18-March 3; March 4-17; and March 18-April 7 (extended for spring break), followed by a live webinar with the translator sponsored by NCTA at the Five College Center for East Asian Studies in mid-April

2022. Submission of a final paper and evaluation will complete the program on April 17, 2022.

**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 are not enrolling in another winter/spring NCTA online course. 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 translator of *Temple Alley Summer*; 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.** Participants receive:

- 16 contact hours of study, curriculum, and discussion with Japan studies specialists and fellow educators.
- Supplementary course materials.
- \$60 recognition award upon satisfactory completion of the course.
- Certificate of completion for 16 hours.

Apply online at [www.colorado.edu/ptea/Japan-Child-Lit-Reg](http://www.colorado.edu/ptea/Japan-Child-Lit-Reg). Application closes January 31, 2022, or when book group is full. Book group limit: 20 eligible teachers. For more information, e-mail Catherine Ishida, [ishida@colorado.edu](mailto:ishida@colorado.edu).

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