

Collection Development Publishers Catalogs

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I. Books

A. Online Databases

1. Books.or.jp <http://www.books.or.jp/>
Includes 610,000 titles available for purchase as of December 2001 and whatever electronic data they have received from publishers since then. Can search by author, title and/or publisher; there is an advanced screen which includes ISBN and differentiates between the book's title and the series title. Entries include basic information including author and title in katakana, ISBN, price, size, no. of pages, publisher and month/year of publication. Publisher's name is hotlinked to its own website, allowing you to verify availability (sometimes). Sponsored by the Japan Book Publishers Association. Opened on 9/9/97. Provides links to the homepages of various publishers. Requires Japanese software.
2. Trc WWW Server http://www.trc.co.jp/trc-japa/search/trc_www.asp
TRC operates a server with new books of the day, new books of the week, and new books published since the beginning of 1980. The database contains almost 918,000 titles. By comparison with Books.or.jp, there are more fields for searching including ISBN, genre and NDC category. Most recent entries have a brief description of the contents of the book along with full bibliographic data and a description of the author, his affiliations and other recent titles. About half the entries have a picture of the book cover. Requires Japanese software. Click on [book portal](#) to search.
3. **Nihon zenkoku shoshi**日本全国書誌 **Japanese National Bibliography Weekly List.**
http://www.ndl.go.jp/ndl_frm_site_8_4.html Includes books cataloged by the National Diet Library. Does not include pronunciation. Subject breakdown is very basic. No cross-references. Can be searched by keyword using the find function in your browser. Divided into books, children's books, serials, non-print, electronic, etc.; not all divisions are online.

B. Printed Catalogs

1. Book page. Hon no nenkan. 本の年鑑。
Formerly Bukkupeji ブックページ
Bukkupeji Kankōkai, Annual.
An annotated list of books published in the previous year. Classified, with author, title and subject indexes and a list of publishers.

II. Serials

- A. [Zasshi shinbun sōkatarogu.](#)
雑誌新聞総かたろぐ
Tokyo: Media Risachi Senta, 1979-.
Lists periodicals, newspapers and some annuals published in Japan, including titles published in English and other languages. Has a description of readers, types of materials/topics included, and prices for advertisements as well as price and marketing information.

III. Government Publications

- A. [Seifu kankōbutsu to sōgō mokuroku.](#)
政府刊行物等総合目録
Tokyo: Zenkoku Kanpō Hanbai Kyōdō Kumiai, 1979-.
Annual.

IV. Information on the Publishing World

- A. **Nihon no Shuppansha: Zenkoku shuppansha meibō = List of Japanese Publishers**
日本の出版社、全国出版社名簿
Tokyo: Shuppan Nyūsusha, 1956-
Provides extensive information on publishers, including homepages, figures for capitalization, fields in which they publish, contact people by area of responsibility. Provides detailed information on Japanese publishers including phone and fax numbers, mail and email addresses, founding date, name of president and lead editor, net worth, publishing fields
- B. **Shuppan detabukku : 1945-1996 出版データブック**
Shuppan Nyūsusha hen.
Tokyo: Shuppan Nyūsusha, 1997
Provides statistics on subject distribution, prices, new titles etc..
Describes publishing world by year, including lists of bestsellers, top ten news stories, major zenshū, manga, book prizes.
- C. **Shuppan shihyō nenpō: 出版指標年報**
Annual
Zenkyō Shuppan Kagaku Kenkyūjo
Provides information on publishing in Japan. Includes statistics, a chronology by month, discussion of different subject areas and formats (such as women's . magazines, books on postwar Japan).
- D. **Japanese Publishers on the web**
<http://www.jbpa.or.jp/member/frame.htm>
This site is useful because it provides the pronunciation for publisher names. It is often easier and faster to put the publisher name into google and search. Many publishers do not yet have a searchable database of available titles, but may have listings and descriptions of recently published titles.