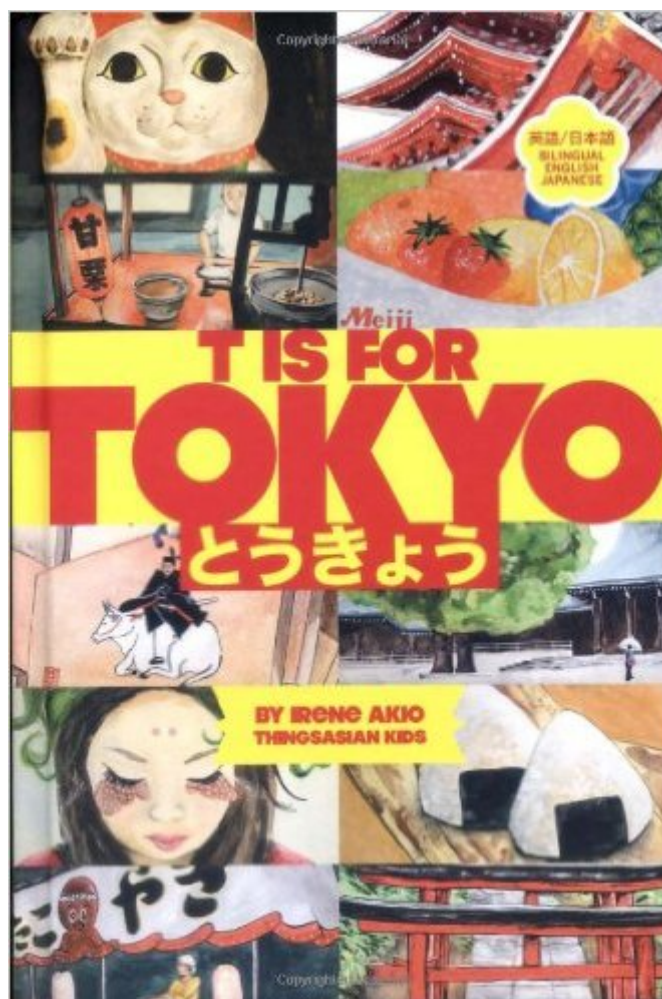


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# T Is For Tokyo



## Synopsis

As a father tells his daughter about her birthplace, he describes Tokyo in language as colorful as the glowing watercolors that showcase this vibrant city. His story is both tender and descriptive, complemented by full- and double-paged illustrations. From making wishes with daruma dolls and flying kites shaped like caterpillars to discovering the two-toed shoes of construction workers and nibbling on roasted chestnuts, Tokyo springs to life in a way guaranteed to enchant young readersâ and their parents. Bilingual text enhances this cultural immersion for language learners of all ages.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 6 - 10 years

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## Customer Reviews

The watercolors of these illustrations are beautiful, but that isn't even what makes this book fantastic to me: it's the sense of play & fun that each scene was carefully chosen with. I also love that it's completely bilingual. I bought this book for a niece and a nephew (one for each). They're both speak Bengali and English, and now I fully expect them to be TRI-lingual by the time they grow up (high expectations, I know). Still, this book makes me smile b/c I think it represents a little bit of the future, where the world is just a little bit smaller.

I agree with the other reviewer that the author clearly knows Tokyo well. Having visited Tokyo

myself, I think she picks out some great things to represent each letter in this alphabet. It goes beyond the touristy stuff and more everyday life. One thing I do wish is that the colors were a bit more vibrant. I wasn't too impressed with the art work especially as a children's book. They are beautiful watercolors but the illustrations didn't draw me to the book - the text did. This book was purchased for my students who were doing a cultural study on Japan. Overall a good buy!

The beauty and grace and vibrant excitement of one of the world's great cities is translated wonderfully through a child's eyes by a writer and artist who clearly knows Tokyo well. Her world of ramen lanterns and brightly colored candy and wish-granting figurines is as welcoming as the beckoning cat that waves from the pages of *T is for Tokyo*--a bilingual book that will prompt dreams of exploring Japan in parents as well as in children.

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