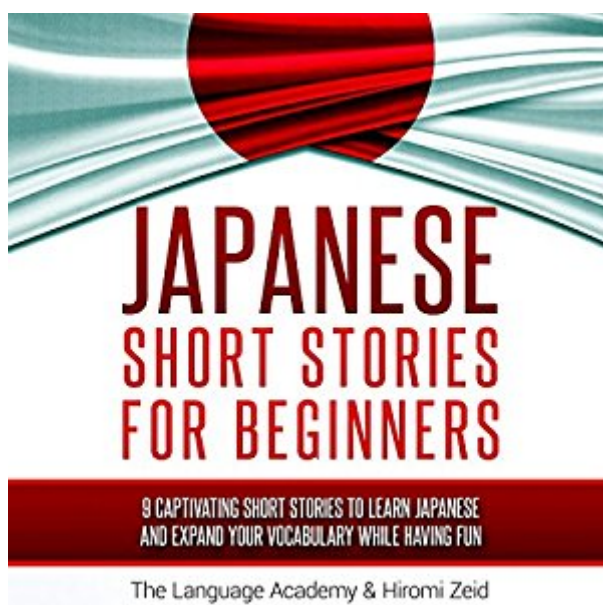


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# Japanese: Short Stories For Beginners: 9 Captivating Short Stories To Learn Japanese And Expand Your Vocabulary While Having Fun



## Synopsis

Introducing nine captivating short stories to learn Japanese (including line by line translations to English). Are you bored of the traditional methods people tell you to use to learn Japanese? Are you bored of all those dusty grammar books that pile up making everything look so hard? What if we told you there's a better, more enjoyable way to learn Japanese and grow your vocabulary exponentially? Well, guess what - there is! The best way to learn Japanese is by listening to short stories. The problem? You might feel like you don't know where to start, or you may feel lost trying to understand whatever pops up on the Internet. And that's exactly why we created this book. Short Stories + Foreign Language = Faster Learning We know how difficult it may seem to learn a foreign language from scratch, let alone trying to put all that learning into practice. But what you might not realize is that it's fairly easy to fully incorporate the essentials of a language once you frame that learning into a certain context (for example, a short story). Short stories allow you to put what you've learned so far into practice, allowing you to expand your vocabulary quickly, make sense of ideas, understand new concepts, and overall get a better grasp of the Japanese language. Short stories work because they eliminate the stress of forcing yourself to learn. Instead, when you listen to the nine captivating short stories we've prepared for you, you will learn Japanese without even realizing you're learning it! Your goal is to simply focus on a single story at a time. The stories consist of multiple genres, including adventure, fantasy, mystery, and romance, just to name a few. We wanted these stories to be fun, interesting, and appealing, motivating you to keep on listening to find out what happens next. That's the very best way to learn, don't you think?

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

This is a very good book, but not for total beginners. When you start to read this, you definitely have to have some clues about Japanese language and its structure. Stories are cute and easy but there are omissions in translations and if you are not used to Japanese language and expect everything to be translated as it is written... there would be some problems. I bought paperback, so I can check if I don't understand something but now I see that there is no paperback version anymore. I got the audio book for free with the paperback and that was a very good thing because it helps me a lot with my pronunciation. So I would definitely recommend it as a studying tool.

There isn't a lot of good reading content available for beginners of Japanese, and a lot of what is out there is very expensive. So when I saw this available for just \$0.99 cents, I jumped right on it. The stories are around maybe N4 level, so are appropriate for someone who has been studying for maybe about a year or two. There are 9 stories which are split up into 3 chapters each, with each chapter being maybe 6-10 pages on average. Each line of Japanese has furigana, and is followed by an English translation. I have mixed feelings on this. While the English translation lets you immediately figure out new words, on the other hand, it doesn't give you a chance to figure things out on your own, which I feel is an important part of learning. It's possible to blow through this without really comprehending the Japanese, because you can just rely on the English. And because the English is \*right there\*, it's almost impossible to avoid reading it even if you wanted to. I also have to say that this book could definitely have used some more proofreading. It has several small mistakes and typos here and there in the Japanese (my wife is Japanese and verified this for me). Hopefully this can be corrected in future versions of the book. But for the most part, it's fine. You get 9 pretty good short stories here for a cheap price, so if you have been studying Japanese for a little while and are looking for something to practice reading, then I would definitely recommend picking this up!\*\*\* I would also like to mention a problem that I had viewing this on the Android Kindle app, in case anyone else has similar issues. When I first tried to read the book, for some reason the periods and commas were out of alignment, and made it very difficult to read. I tried downloading a sample from another random Japanese book, and then I got a notification saying that the Kindle app downloaded Japanese fonts. After that, everything showed up correctly in this book. I'm not sure if this is a problem with the Kindle app, or maybe something with this book, but if you have a similar problem, just try that.

In my opinion the translations are not very good, as they do not stick closely to the Japanese text.

Got this for a friend who is studying Japanese and she loved it. Simple but fun way for her to study.

Excellent for beginners at reading Japanese, just what I was looking for.

To say this book is for beginners is a bit misleading. Although the kanji that are covered are basic enough, the vocabulary is not. In addition, I feel like you have to have a real solid understanding of Japanese grammar before starting this book. I do, however, like the layout of the book which includes the sentence in Japanese and the English translation directly below it. It also has a glossary at the end of each short story. This book would be great for an intermediate student (so much so that I would be inclined to give it a 4 or 5 star rating). However, I cannot recommend this book for beginners and would advise you to either build up your grammar and vocabulary before reading this book or just to look elsewhere.

This is a good collection of stories for practicing reading at the beginner level. Please note this book is not for absolute beginners. You'll need to know the writing system and at least basic grammar to parse any of the text. Where this volume can help you is making the jump from grammar exercises, flash cards, etc. to actually deciphering real sentences and reading native material. If you don't want to see the translation while you're reading the Japanese, you'll need a piece of paper or an index card to slide down the page. Otherwise, you won't be able to avoid seeing the translations immediately underneath each line. Perhaps one upshot of this arrangement is that with the audiobook you can readily practice the "Listening-Reading" method. As other reviews noted, some translations are rather liberal, but that isn't necessarily a bad thing. Direct ("literal") translations often fail to capture key meanings or implications. There are many typos and grammatical errors throughout. (Also oddly enough, the back of the book says you'll learn Spanish the fun way.) The stories themselves are rather pedestrian and their authors are not credited. It's as if these stories were written specifically for this book?

I purchased it for my kindle, this book is useful to learn vocabulary and to familiarize with the sentence order and other grammatical rules, while you read a simple and interesting story. You have the meaning right away so you can infer the meaning of some sentences if you don't know all the vocabulary. At the end of each chapter, you have an extensive list of words and grammatical explanations, so it is almost unnecessary to use a dictionary. It is an excellent product for the lower

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