

Irasshaimase! Welcome!

Are you hunted by deadly demons and ghouls?

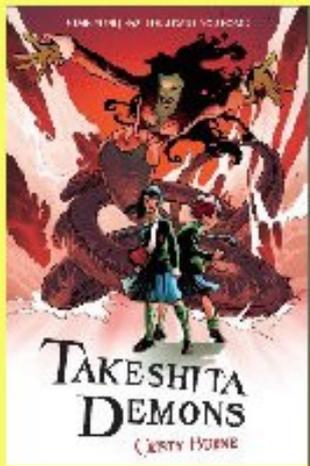
Study up on some of Japan's luckiest creatures...
It just might save your life.

WEB QUEST FOR *Takeshita Demons* By Cristy Burne

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Shoukai... Introduction

Could you save Miku Takeshita from the demons that hunt her?
Could you even save yourself?

Miku has never had trouble with demons,
not until her Baba passes away...

“Baba knew all there was to know about spirits and demons, good and evil,
and she took care to protect our family from them.

She kept a cedar leaf over our front door to ward off evil,
she always left toys and games out for our house ghost,
she even kept a pair of shiisa lion-dogs on the mantelpiece.”

(*Takeshita Demons*, Chapter 1, Page 8)

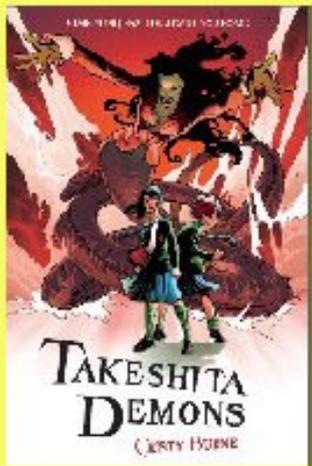
You might think you know about luck.

You might carry four-leaf clovers, silver horseshoes and
wishbones...but none of that works in Japan.

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Shimei... Mission

Japan's demons or *yōkai* are different from any you've known.

Some *yōkai* like to shake beans. Others drink oil, or eat cucumbers, or ride your nightmares into the night..

Most of them would like to eat you. And that's why we're here.

If you want to stay safe, you'll need to know more about how to attract good luck in Japan.

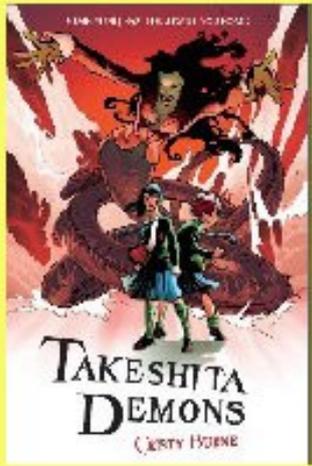
Your mission:

- 1) Research one of Japan's lucky charms and report your findings to the class.
- 2) Decide which lucky charm your class will adopt. And remember, the wrong decision could be fatal...

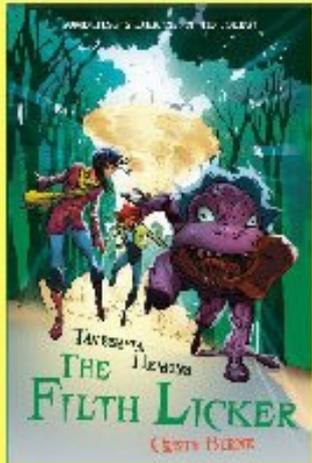
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Houhou... Process

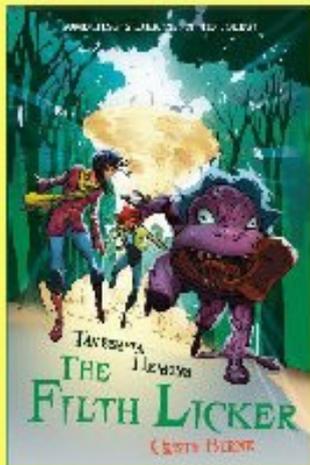
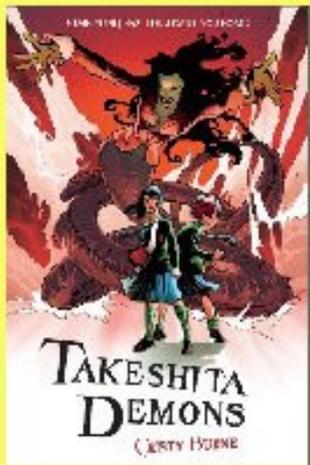


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- 4) Present your group's Top 5 reasons to the class
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Hajimemashou... Let's begin

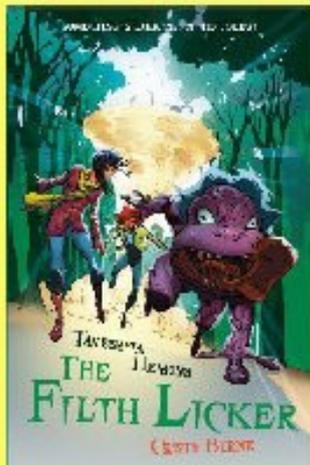
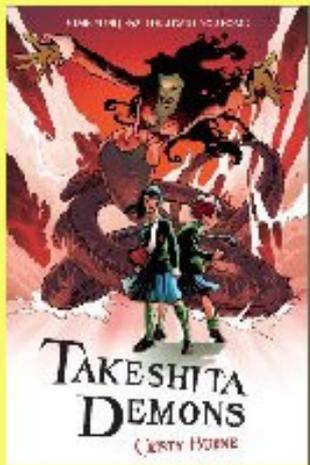
Choose your lucky symbol.

Are you a...

- Cat lover?
- Dog fanatic?
- Doll collector?
- Bird watcher?
- Lion tamer?
- Ghost buster?

Make sure at least one person is researching each symbol.
(The symbol you miss out might be the one you desperately need.)





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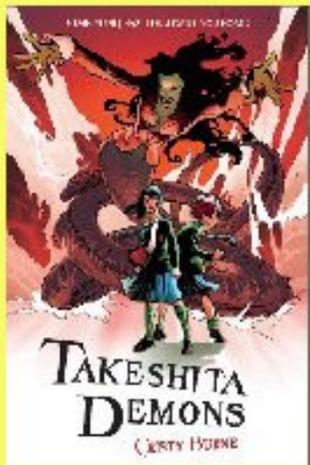
Cat lovers

Your lucky symbol is the **maneki-neko**.

To find out more about this super-cat,
check out these webpages:

- The temple of cats
- YouTube: Maneki-neko on Animal Planet
- Japanese American National Museum: Maneki-neko
- Wikipedia: Maneki neko





Dog fanatics

Your lucky symbol is the **tanuki**.

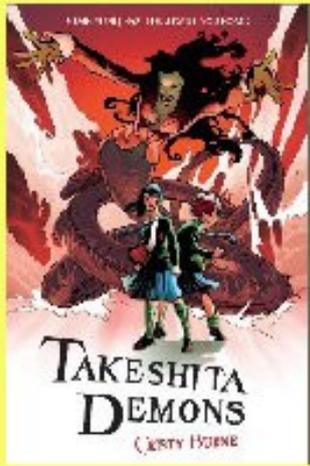
For more on this distant relative of the dog, check out these webpages:

- Japan Atlas: Shigaraki pottery
- Real-life tanuki
- The eight lucks of a tanuki
- Transforming tanuki

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Doll collectors

Your lucky symbol is the **daruma**.

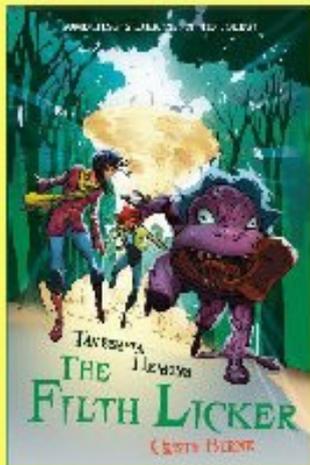
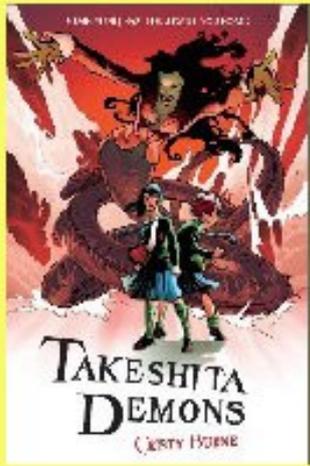
For more information on this roly-poly doll, check out these webpages...

- Japan Atlas: Takasaki
- Handcrafting a daruma
- Daruma in Buddhism and beyond
- Japanese American National Museum: Daruma size matters

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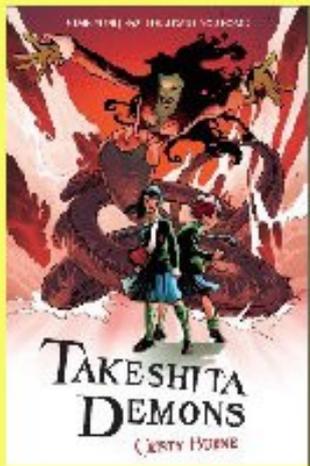
Bird watchers

Your lucky symbol is the **tsuru**.

For more information on Japan's graceful cranes, check out these webpages...

- [Japan Atlas: Kushiro Marsh](#)
- [Wikipedia: The red-crowned crane](#)
- [The Japanese American National Museum: Tsuru](#)
- [The thousand cranes](#)





Lion tamers

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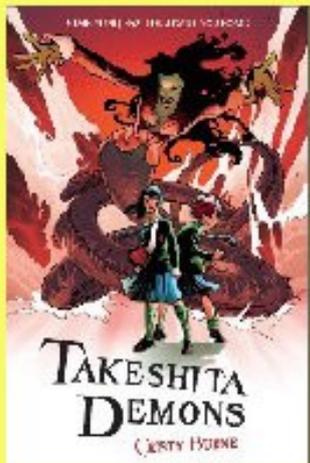
For more information on the lion-dog protector, check out these webpages:

- Wonder Okinawa: From China to Japan
- Shiisa: also known as shishi
- YouTube: Tsuboya Pottery and the Shiisa
- Shiisa vs the dragon

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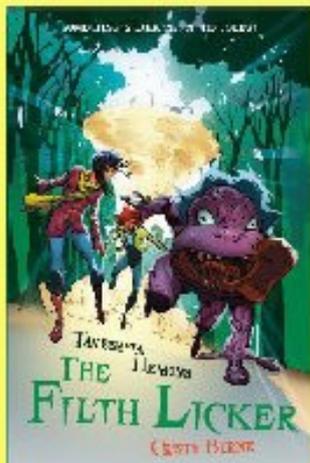


Ghost busters

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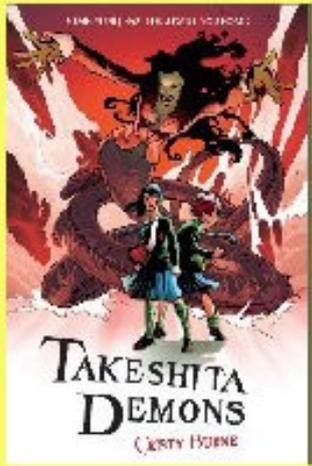
- [Obakemono Project: Zashiki Warashi](#)
- [Wikipedia: Zashiki Warashi](#)
- [The Zashiki Warashi and the geta](#)
- [The haunted room](#)



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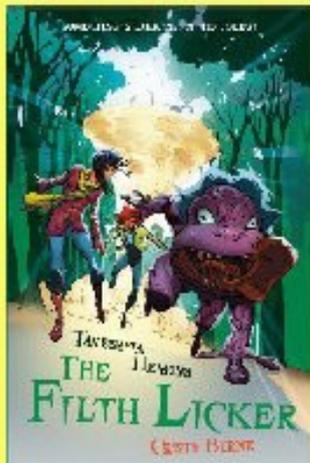
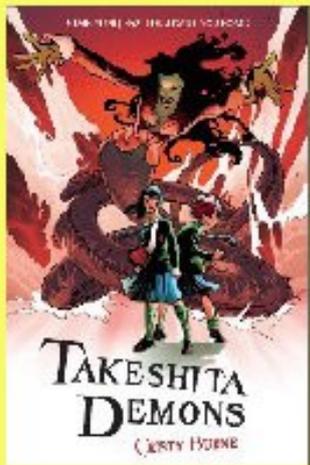
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Hyouten... Scores

How well did you do?
Will you live or die? Answer this quiz to find out:

1) How well did you research your lucky symbol?

- A) I found answers to all the questions and know my lucky symbol inside-out.
- B) I found answers to most of the questions and know my lucky symbol pretty well.
- C) Justin Bieber is so hot. What lucky symbol?

2) How did your report turn out?

- A) Great! It looks good, contains heaps of information and I checked the spelling of difficult words.
- B) Pretty good. It's neat and has some good information. Not sure on the spelling though...
- C) Awful. I'm using it to attract a Filth Licker.

3) How well did you work in a team on this project?

- A) Our team worked well together. We listened to each other's ideas and everyone contributed.
- B) We worked together OK. Some people were bossy and others didn't really contribute much.
- C) We were supposed to work as a team?

4) A man-eating yōkai with teeth like swords blasts into your classroom. You:

- A) Are totally calm. You'll use your new knowledge to get everyone to safety.
- B) Are not too worried. Your teacher is an expert at all this stuff, right?
- C) Are dessert. Crunch, crunch, crunch.

