



***JASMINE TOGUCHI, FLAMINGO KEEPER* by Debbi Michiko Florence; illustrated by Elizabet Vukovic**

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*Age Range: 6-9

Grade Range: K-3 (Recommended by *School Library Journal*)

BOOK SYNOPSIS

Jasmine's best friend, Linnie, has just gotten a puppy. And now Jasmine wants a pet of her own—a flamingo! So when her grandmother sends Jasmine a daruma doll as a surprise gift, Jasmine colors in one doll eye and wishes for a flamingo to keep.

Next, Jasmine tries to convince her parents that she’s responsible enough for a pet. She cleans her room, brushes her teeth, takes out the trash, and, most importantly, researches everything she can about flamingos. But soon it becomes clear that her wish may never come true! Will Jasmine's daruma doll ever get its second eye? Luckily her big sister, Sophie, has a surprise planned that fulfills Jasmine’s wish beyond her wildest dreams.

Debbi Michiko Florence is at her best in *Jasmine Toguchi, Flamingo Keeper*, a sweet, special story of sisterhood and new responsibilities, with illustrations by Elizabet Vukovic!

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

Awards and Accolades for Jasmine Toguchi Chapter Book Series

- A Chicago Public Library Best Book of 2018 - *Jasmine Toguchi, Flamingo Keeper*
- A Junior Library Guild Selection - *Jasmine Toguchi, Flamingo Keeper, Jasmine Toguchi, Drummer Girl*
- A 2021 Connecticut Nutmeg Nominee – *Jasmine Toguchi, Mochi Queen*
- 2018 Cybils Award winner for Early Chapter Books – *Jasmine Toguchi, Drummer Girl*
- Cooperative Children’s Book Center of the School of Education CCBC Choices 2019 List – *Jasmine Toguchi, Drummer Girl*
- We Are Kid Lit Collective 2019 Summer Reading List – *Jasmine Toguchi, Mochi Queen*
- Beverly Cleary Children’s Choice Book Award – *Jasmine Toguchi, Mochi Queen*
- Chicago Public Library’s Best of 2018 List – *Jasmine Toguchi, Flamingo Keeper*
- 2019 Blue Hen award nominee for the state of DE – *Jasmine Toguchi, Mochi Queen*
- 2019 OTTER award nominee for the state of WA – *Jasmine Toguchi, Mochi Queen*
- 2018 Nerdy Book Club Club Award Winner – *Jasmine Toguchi, Drummer Girl*
- Best Fiction for Younger Readers of 2017 – *Jasmine Toguchi, Mochi Queen* and *Jasmine Toguchi, Super Sleuth*

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- Evanston Public Library’s 101 Great Books for Kids List (2017) – *Jasmine Toguchi, Mochi Queen*
- 2017 Nerdy Book Club Club Award Winner – *Jasmine Toguchi, Mochi Queen*
- 2018 Amelia Bloomer List – *Jasmine Toguchi, Mochi Queen*

MEDIA AND RESOURCES

- [Jasmine Toguchi Activity Guides](#)
- [Jasmine Toguchi, Flamingo Keeper Book Trailer](#)
- [Cybils Awards Interview with Debbi Michiko Florence and Elizabet Vukovic](#)
- [First Book Interview with Debbi Michiko Florence](#)
- [Little Tokyo Talks Interview with Debbi Michiko Florence](#)

***A NOTE ON AGE RANGES**

A publisher-suggested age range covers the gamut of readers that publishers envision using the book, whether for independent reading, family sharing, group study, or in other ways. Educators have the best sense of the appropriate age range for the diverse learners they work with and understand these ranges vary depending on a book’s intended use.

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