

DAIKANYAMA TSUTAYA BOOKS

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This prize-winning feat of architecture houses an astounding selection of books over three floors



TOP The façade of this oversized bookstore, made of interlocking Ts, is already an iconic sight.

OPPOSITE Together with its large selection of books, Daikanyama Tsutaya Books also has an international music and film department.

Daikanyama Tsutaya Books is often described as the “book empire” of the Japanese capital, and not without reason: the enormous bookstore is hugely inviting despite its sheer size, and it offers a vast selection of books for visitors to lose themselves among. As the beating heart of the prize-winning Daikanyama T-Site, the bookstore is also a must-see for any architecture enthusiast. The studio Klein Dythamw architecture won prizes for the tripartite building, which is formed from interlocking Ts and features a highly distinctive façade, including at the World Architecture Festival in 2013. Inside, mostly Japanese and English-language fiction and specialist literature

await, together with a large movie and music department, a superb selection of stationery—with a particular emphasis on Japanese paper—and a top-notch café and restaurant. The T-Site also hosts regular pop-up markets that prove to be a magnet for Tokyo’s cultural scene, with visitors invariably ending up browsing the latest additions to the book displays. 📖