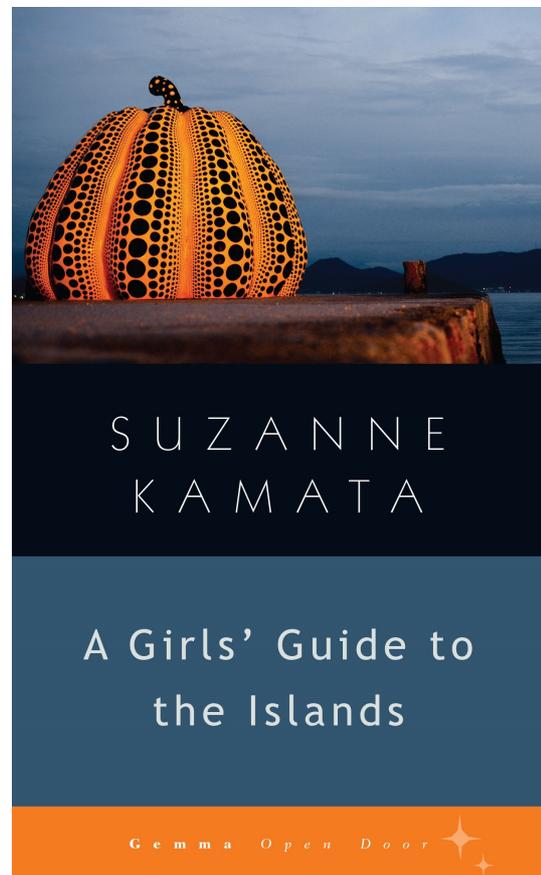
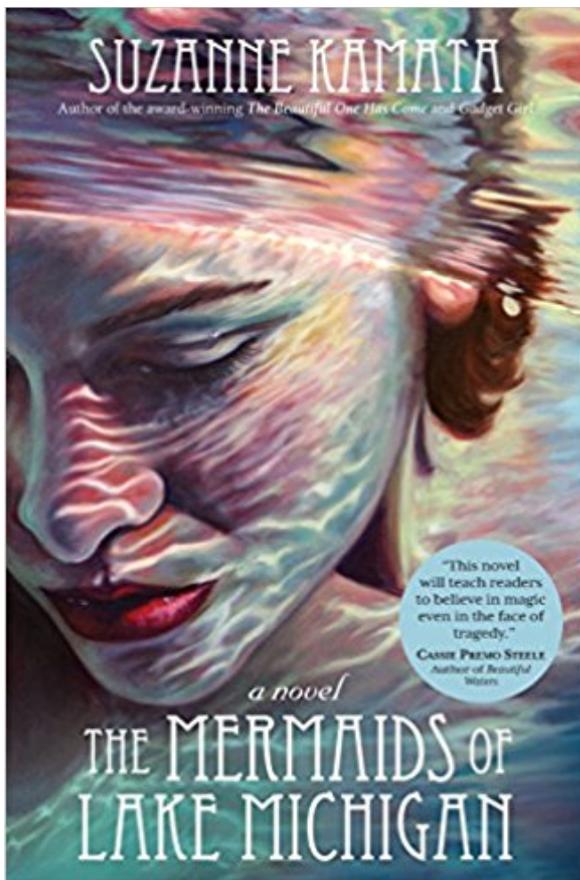


## Announcements

Suzanne Kamata's novel *The Mermaids of Lake Michigan* was published earlier this year, and has been nominated for the Sakura Medal in Japan. Here is a link: [https://www.amazon.co.jp/Mermaids-Lake-Michigan-Suzanne-Kamata/dp/1942545592/ref=tmm\\_pap\\_swatch\\_0?\\_encoding=UTF8&qid=1509794271&sr=1-2](https://www.amazon.co.jp/Mermaids-Lake-Michigan-Suzanne-Kamata/dp/1942545592/ref=tmm_pap_swatch_0?_encoding=UTF8&qid=1509794271&sr=1-2)

She also published *A Girls' Guide to the Islands*, a nonfiction book about her travels around the Inland Sea with her daughter who has disabilities. This book is part of a series for literacy learners, but can be enjoyed by anyone. Here's a link: [https://www.amazon.co.jp/Girls-Guide-Islands-Gemma-Open/dp/1936846578/ref=asap\\_bc?ie=UTF8](https://www.amazon.co.jp/Girls-Guide-Islands-Gemma-Open/dp/1936846578/ref=asap_bc?ie=UTF8)



The **2018 JALT PanSIG** will be held from May 19-20 at Toyo Gakuen University in Tokyo (Hongo Campus). Proposals must be submitted by **January 15, 2018**. [www.conftool.net/pansig/2018](http://www.conftool.net/pansig/2018)

The **2018 JALT Conference** will be held from November 23–26 in Shizuoka. Please refer to <https://jalt.org/main/conferences> for full details. The deadline for submissions is **February 12, 2018**.