

Kaoru Shinsen(Poet • Writer)



Kaoru Shinsen was born in 1971 in Ibaraki Prefecture, Japan.

She graduated from Tamagawa University, where she majored in English Literature.

Her first collection of poetry, *Hiyo!(Flame)*, written under the name of Megumi Nakamura won 1st prize in the 8th Chuya Nakahara Poetry contest in 2003.

The English version of her poetry collection was published in 2004 in Yamaguchi Prefecture. Her second collection of poetry, *Jujiro(Crossroad)*, still written under the name of Megumi Nakamura , was published in 2005.

She has been participating in the Art Performance “Projet La Voix des Poètes” produced by Tendo Taijin since 2007.

The author formally changed her name from Megumi Nakamura to Kaoru Shinsen in April 2009.

Her third collection of poetry, *Aoi haha(Mother’s voice)*, written under the name of Kaoru Shinsen, won the Ibaraki Literature Prize (in the poetry section) in 2012.

Her first illustrated book for children, *FLUFFY AND SOFT*(illustrated by Michiko Samizo)was published in 2014.

She was appointed as an ambassador of Hitachiota city in March 2016.

In 2017, she hosted her own radio program called “The door of the words by Kaoru Shinsen ” for Chofu FM.

In 2018, she participated in a program called “VΘEME” (The voice and words of the modern poetry).

In 2019,her fourth collection of poetry, *Shirodearukara (As it is White)*,was published.That same year,she hosted a radio program called, “Kotobanoniwae(To the garden of words) by Kaoru Shinsen”,and her second illustrated book for children,*IN MY HANDS*(illustrated by Izuru Aminaka)was also published.

In 2021, a collection of essays, *Poets of 13 people*(Akiko Yosano, Hakusyu Kitahara.Ryuichi Tamura and so on)and selections from *An Anthology of Poems Flame* translated into English by Juliet Winters Carpenter were published.

She is also a member of the Japan Writer’s Association.

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