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APPENDICES

Biography of the Author

Tetsuko Kuroyanagi is a book writer, voice actor, tarento, advisor to the World Wide Fund of Nature, and Goodwill Ambassador for UNICEF from Japan. She is known for her charity work, and is considered one of the first Japanese celebrities to achieve international recognition. She was born in Tokyo City, Nogisaka, Japan on August 9, 1933. She graduated from Tokyo College of Music and Keio University. In 2006, Donald Richie called Kuroyanagi in the book *Japanese Portraits: Pictures of Different People* "the most popular and admired woman in Japan".

Tetsuko wrote her first book in the form of a memoir in 1981. Quoted from her memoir, *Totto-chan: The Little Girl at the Window*, Tetsuko attended Tomoe Elementary School (Tomoe Gakoen). Totto-chan was her childhood nickname, the same as the title of the book she wrote, namely *Totto-chan: The Little Girl at the Window*. *Totto-Chan: The Little Girl at the Window* is a children's book written by Tetsuko Kuroyanagi. The original title of this book is 窓ぎわのトットちゃん (Madogiwa no Totto-chan). This book was first published in 1981 and became a bestseller in Japan. Totto-chan was originally published in Japan as serial articles in Kodansha's *Young Woman* magazine, which appeared from February 1979 to December 1980. The articles were later compiled into a book, which made publishing history in Japan with sales of over 5 million before end of 1982. This made this book break all previous publishing records and become the best-selling book in Japanese history.

Plot summary of the Totto-chan: The Girl at the Window

The teacher thought Totto-Chan was naughty, even though the little girl just had great curiosity. That's why she likes to stand in front of the window during class. Because the teachers couldn't stand it anymore, Totto-Chan was finally expelled from school. Mama also registered Totto-chan at Tomoe Gakuen. Totto-Chan was very happy, at that school the students studied in the train carriage which was used as a classroom. She can study while enjoying the view outside the carriage and imagine that he is traveling. It's really fun, right? In Tomoe Gakuen, students can also change the order of lessons according to their wishes. Some people start the day by studying physics, some put drawing first, some want to learn languages first, whatever they like. Because the school is so unique, Totto-Chan not only studied physics, arithmetic, music, languages, etc. There She also learned many valuable lessons about friendship, respect and appreciation for other people, and the freedom to be herself.

Characters of the story

Totto-chan

She is the main character in this story. has a cheerful nature, strong opinion, funny and clever. A girl who has a great curiosity, so that during school hours her activities to satisfy her curiosity are often 'judged' as disturbing the class by her teacher. For example: often looking out the window and calling out to street musicians. Opening and closing study desk drawers over and over again, pacing back and forth in class during lessons and many other behaviors which (again) according to the teacher were very disturbing to the class and her friends, to the point where she was expelled from school, because the teachers had no other way to do it. toned down Totto-Chan's over act.

Mr Kobayashi

Totto-chan's principal and teacher at Tomoe Gakuen school. Has a patient nature. When there are new students who want to enter his school, he asks the new students to tell him whatever they want to tell. This is intended to get to know more about the student's character without having to make the student uncomfortable.

Mama

Totto-chan's mother has a loving, understanding and patient nature. In the novel, it is said that Mama didn't tell Totto-chan that she was expelled from school and Mama didn't want her daughter to suffer emotional stress, so it was decided not to tell Totto-chan until she grew up. With the mischief that Totto-chan did, Mama never got angry and blamed Totto-chan.