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Jasmine Toguchi #4: Flamingo Keeper

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When Jasmine and her older sister, Sophie, receive daruma wishing dolls from their Grandma in Japan, Jasmine decides to wish for a pet flamingo. She does everything she can to show her parents that she’s responsible enough to care for a pet of her own. She is heartbroken when she finally accepts that there is no way for her to keep a wild flamingo as a house pet. But her wish ends up coming true when she adopts a flamingo of her own from the local zoo.

The latest book in the Jasmine Toguchi series sees Jasmine learn the importance of setting goals, working hard to reach them, facing hard truths, and persevering. The book’s back matter teaches a little more about the history of Japanese daruma dolls, as well as how to make your own. Short chapters and plenty of illustrations throughout the book make it great for transitioning readers.