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picture books for modern audiences. Focusing on some of Kenji's most

famous narratives, the author analyses the ways artists respond to the stories' metaphysical philosophies, exploring the interaction of literature, art and culture. Miyazawa Kenji and His Illustrators is richly depicted with full colour images of the representations of Kenji's work, making the book a valuable resource on how illustrations shape story, and how these picture books continue to convey the texts' witty and ironic messages more deeply than the written word alone.