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Hiroko Yoda and **Matt Alt** are a husband and wife team who run a Tokyo-based translation company that specializes in producing the English versions of Japanese video games, comic books and literature. Alt is the co-author of *Super #1 Robot* (2005), a detailed photo-history of 1970s Japanese robot toys. Alt and Yoda are also co-authors of *Hello, Please! Very Helpful Super Kawaii Characters From Japan* (2007), a book about Japanese cute character culture. They also happen to have firsthand yokai experience, having appeared as extras in the Takashi Miike film *The Great Yokai War* (2005).
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