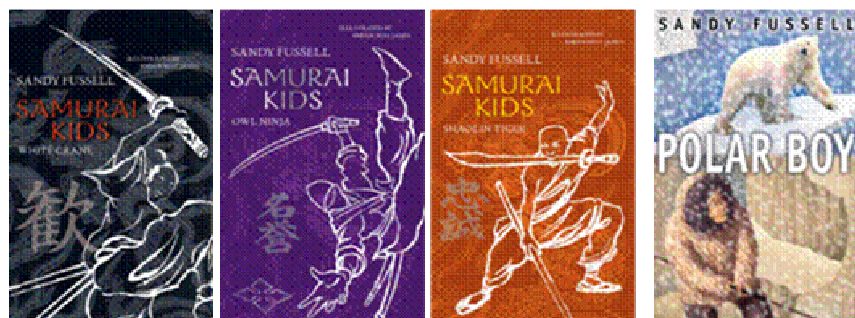
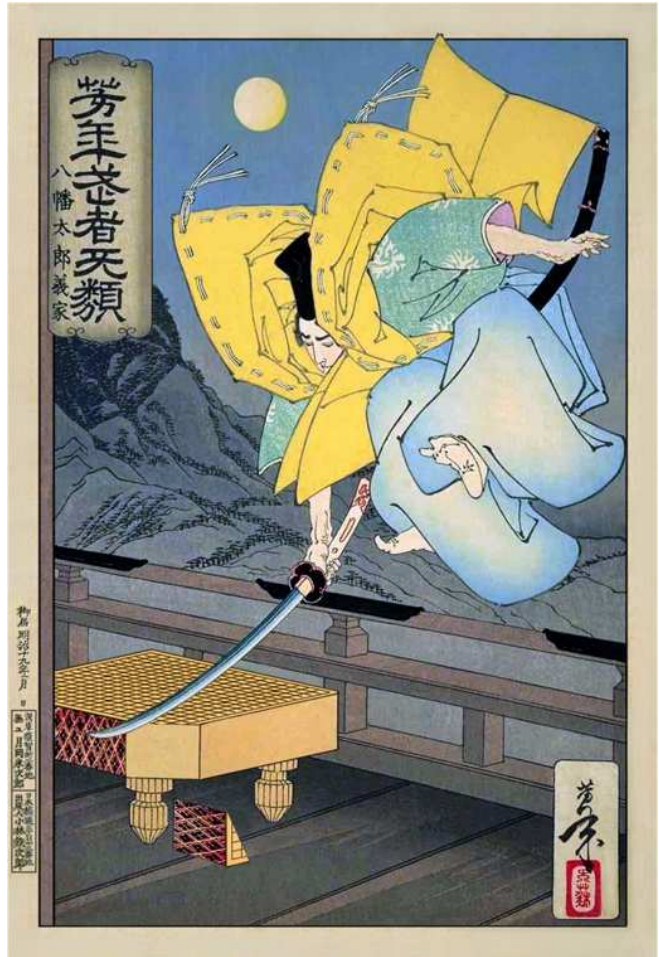


FACT SHEET #3: Legendary Samurai – Minamoto Yoshiie

Minamoto Yoshiie (1041-1108) was a man who came to embody the spirit of the samurai, a legend even in his own lifetime and much beloved by the men who followed him.

A promising young warrior, Yoshiie participated in the Battle of Kawasaki (The Seven Years War) against Sadato. In a snowstorm, the Minamoto assaulted the Sadato stronghold at Kawasaki and were driven back. In the course of the hard-fought retreat Yoshiie distinguished himself and earned the nickname *First son of the God of War (Hachiman)*.

The legend of Minamoto Yoshiie, who emerged from his northern battles as a cultured man of war, established a model for future samurai that would influence generations of warriors to come.



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