



- Manga (comic) by Hinako SUGIURA
  - 1983–1987 in Manga sandē (Manga Sunday)
- Animated movie in 2015
  - dir.: Keiichi HARA





### Edo period (1603–1868)

- "Tokugawa" period Tokugawa shogunate
- Pre-modern Japan kinsei 近世; "centralized feudalism"
- Time of peace and ...
  - isolationist foreign policies
  - economic growth
  - strict social order (4 main social classes of samurai, peasants, craftsmen and merchants)
  - development of arts and "townsmen culture"

## Ukiyo 浮世

- "Floating world"
- Mass culture of popular entertainment, fashion, pleasures of everyday urban life...
- Woodblock prints *ukiyo-e* 浮世絵
- Katsushika HOKUSAI (1760–1849)
  - 36 Views of Mount Fuji
  - Hokusai manga





# 36 Views of Mount Fuji



## Process of making an ukiyo-e print

- Distribution of the labor:
  - 1. The painter created a painting
  - 2. The woodcarvers carved the wooden matrices of the print
  - 3. The printer printed the pictures
  - 4. The publisher commissioned, promoted and distributed the prints
- Artists/artisans?

#### Other painters and genres

- Painters: Utamaro, Hiroshige, Kunisada, Kuniyoshi...
- Genres:
  - pictures of beautiful women (bijinga)
  - pictures of kabuki theatre actors (yakusha-e) and sumō wrestlers
  - pictures of warriors (musha-e) and historical scenes
  - pictures of nature (kachō-e) and landscapes
  - "pictures of spring" (shunga)





## Shunga 春画

- "Pictures of spring"
- Genre of erotic ukiyo-e prints
- Function as a pornographic material







### Lesson from shunga

- 10/2013–01/2014: Exhibition of shunga in The British Museum
- 09/2015–12/2015: Exhibition in Eisei-Bunko Museum in Tokyo
- 02/2016–04/2016: Exhibition in Hosomi Museum in Kyoto
- POP culture → classical art