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The Makioka sisters are four siblings who have taken on the running of their family's kimono manufacturing business in the years leading up to the war in the Pacific. The two oldest have been married for some time, but according to tradition, the rebellious youngest sister cannot marry until the third, shy and conservative, finds a husband. This graceful study of a family at a turning point in history is a poignant evocation of changing times and fading customs, shot in rich, vivid colours.

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Hirokazu Kore-eda | Japan 2016 | 128 min | Japanese with English subtitles

Three sisters (Sachi, Yoshino and Chika) live together in a large house in present-day Kamakura, Japan. When their father, who has been absent from the family home for the last 15 years, dies they travel to the countryside for his funeral and meet their shy teenage half-sister. Bonding quickly with the orphaned Suzu, they invite her to live with them.

"The Makioka Sisters is a wonderful, enormously moving film by one of the great masters of Japanese Cinema, Kon Ichikawa. Exquisitely lensed and terrifically acted, the film offers a fascinating portrait of a wealthy Japanese family, as well as a country in transition, during a time of massive socio-political changes." (Blu-Ray.com)

"Our Little Sister is so meticulously shot and gracefully orchestrated that it can be considered a worthy contemporary successor to Kon Ichikawa's masterpiece The Makioka Sisters." (Variety)

"Our Little Sister is a seductive and engrossing celebration of family and community...richly satisfying for the 128 minutes we get to spend under its spell." (Sight and Sound)