



Mother

Okaasan

Japan/1952/Standard/B&W/98'/Shin Toho

Direction: Mikio Naruse

Producer: Nagashima Ichiro

Screenplay: Mizuki Yoko

Cinematography: Suzuki Hiroshi

Music: Saito Ichiro

Cast: Tanaka Kinuyo, Mishima Masao, Kagawa Kyoko, Enami Keiko, Katayama Akihiko, Nakakita Chieko, Ito Takashi, Kato Daisuke, Okada Eiji

Awards/Festivals

Blue Ribbon Awards, Best Director, Best Supporting Actor 1953, Mainichi Film Concours, Best Film Score, Best Supporting Actor, Best Supporting Actress 1953

Slice-of-life portrait of an average Japanese mother and the struggles she must face in the postwar era. The protagonist, Masako has a whole family on her shoulders after the death of her husband who collapsed toiling in their family dry cleaning business. The whole family was trying hard to recover from the destruction of the WW-II and to rebuild their family business when her husband died. He was not given proper medical attention due to lack of funds. After his demise, Masako looks after the dry-cleaning business. Her childless relatives offer to adopt her younger daughter Hisako. Before parting with her daughter, Masako takes the whole family for a picnic.