

# STAFF PICK

## IN THIS CORNER OF THE WORLD

FILM BY SUNAO KATABUCHI

*In This Corner of the World*, directed by Sunao Katabuchi and adapted from the manga by Fumiyo Kono, tells the story of the everyday lives of civilians in pre-WWII Japan. Centered around Suzu, the film feels like you are watching anecdotes from your grandmother who survived the war. Rather than focusing on the broader historical tragedy of WWII, the film is more concerned with showing how an average woman had to adjust her daily life during wartime. Suzu, a quiet girl full of dreams, moves from Hiroshima to the naval port city of Kure after marrying. She stays diligent to her domestic chores even as food rations become scarcer

and frequent air raids threaten her home. She is unaware of what the warships outside her home means, believing herself to be living in a beautiful pastoral world. Inevitably, tragedy strikes Suzu and her family as the film counts down to that faithful day on August 6, 1945 in Hiroshima.

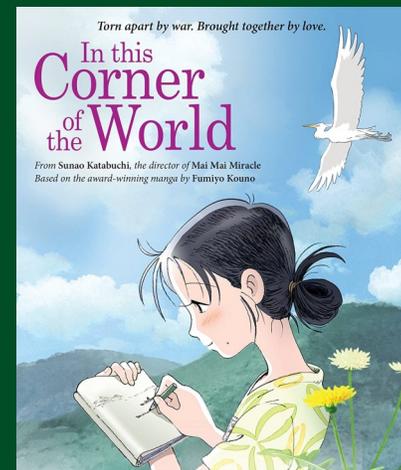
When looking at historical events in textbooks, we often forget how conflict actually affects civilian lives and their survival. *In This Corner of the World* is detailed and realistic reminder how our daily lives change amidst global catastrophes, and how we can move forward but forever altered.

— Haram, Library Assistant  
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### ABOUT DIRECTOR

**Sunao Katabuchi** (片瀨 須直) was born on August 10, 1960 in Hirakata, Osaka, Japan. He is known for his work on *In This Corner of the World* (2016), *Princess Arete* (2001) and *Kiki's Delivery Service* (1989).

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