

Finding the Adolescence

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STORY

Story of "that summer" of the girls is told with beautiful images.

Takane and Mika are in the third year at junior high school for girls. The time before Takane and Mika go separate ways to start high school is youthful and dazzling. Takane, who hopes to go to an art school, is drawing a picture of Mika as she is absorbed in reading her favorite novel, "Shishunki Gokko (pretend adolescence)". The two are inseparable best friends. The hours at dusk are quiet and intense. They thought their relationship would never change. One day, Mika bumps into the author of "Shishunki Gokko", Namie, who is a librarian at the library where Mika frequents. Mika admires Namie who went to the same junior high school and published a novel while she was there. Mika starts prioritizing time with her, while Takane is left behind and feelings of jealousy begin to fill her. When Mika gives her first novel to Namie, their relationship starts changing significantly. Girls' innocence, sensitivity and also cruelty, and the brief time when they struggle and get hurt before becoming adults is captured in this wistful but beautiful movie of adolescent girls.

DATA

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