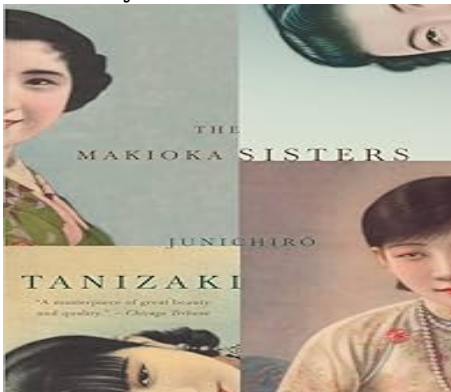


## The Makioka Sisters By Junichiro Tanizaki

The primary emotion that I felt during the reading of this novel (at least the first time) was impatience slowly building to a combination of irritation and finally incredulity. Two of the sisters are married and spend most of the three 0679761640 Junichir Tanizakis magisterial evocation of a proud Osaka family in decline during the years immediately before World War II is arguably the greatest Japanese novel of the twentieth century and a classic of international literature. Tsuruko the eldest sister of the once wealthy Makioka family clings obstinately to the prestige of her family name even as her husband prepares to move their household to Tokyo where that name means nothing. The shy unmarried Yukiko is a hostage to her familys exacting standards while the spirited Taeko rebels by flinging herself into scandalous romantic alliances and dreaming of studying fashion design in France. The Makioka Sisters I bought this book because Min Jin Lee authore of Free Food for Millionaires identified it as one of her favorite books (along with well known Western classics like Vanity Fair and Jude the Obscure). Free Food for Millionaires Vanity Fair Jude the 0679761640 Five stars the way I use them mean that you'd have to have a serious screw loose not to LOVE the item being reviewed. It's exceedingly well written represents a unique point of view educates us about our past 0679761640 In recommending Jun'ichirō Tanizaki's The Makioka Sisters as translated by Edward G. The book is an adult read in the sense that the it will require concentration patience and a constant awareness that the 0679761640 Reading The Makioka Sisters is a bit like taking a long train journey on a local train that stops at every station. Tanizaki's novel the story of four sisters of a once affluent family that has fallen into decline moves along at a leisurely pace for most of its 500 0679761640 This is a beautiful book. Why won't the main house in Osaka drop its pre occupation with rank? Why won't the unmarried 0679761640 The translation had only a few minor glitches, Although it was nearly 500 pages it was constructed with short chapters which gave it many good stopping points, There was 0679761640 Before soap operas or movie dramas Japan had to rely on books, The Makioka Sisters is about four sisters living in pre World War Two Japan, The sisters are from a Samurai family which is declining in fortunes: Sachiko compromises valiantly to secure the future of her younger sisters, Filled with vignettes of a vanishing way of life The Makioka Sisters is a poignant yet unsparing portrait of a familyand an entire societysliding into the abyss of modernity. It possesses in abundance the keen social insight and unabashed sensuality that distinguish Tanizaki as a master novelist: The Makioka Sisters is a textbook case of a four star book: I bought it because of a quote I read somewhere that it was the Japanese version of Pride and Prejudice: I don't know if that is true (it is complex) but it certainly held my attention. I think the other reviewers have admirably covered 0679761640



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