

ASAKO

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(Ryūsuke Hamaguchi, 2018, 119 min, Japan,
Japanese w/ subtitles, Color, DCP)

A mysterious and intoxicating pop romance begins with Asako, a young woman who meets and falls madly in love with a drifter, who one day drifts right out of her life. Two years later, Asako sees him again — or, rather, a young, solid businessman named Ryohei who bears a striking resemblance to her old flame. They begin building a happy life together until traces of Asako's past start to resurface.

"Critic's Pick! Bewitching and sometimes unsettling... Breathtaking... Hamaguchi executes [the premise] with elegantly rendered realism."

— Glenn Kenny, *The New York Times*

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