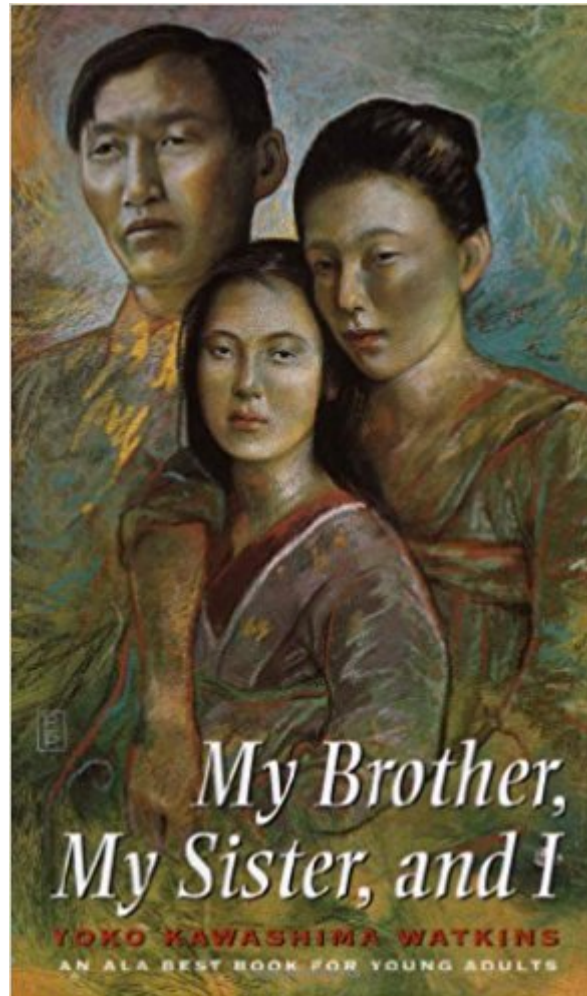




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# My Brother, My Sister, And I



## Synopsis

Living in abject poverty in post--World War II Japan with her older sister and brother, thirteen-year-old Yoko bravely bears the taunts of her wealthy classmates. Then the warehouse they call home is destroyed by fire. Yoko's sister, Ko, is injured and must be hospitalized, and the siblings' lives become even more desperate. Bound by ties of love and honor, the family perseveres, never losing faith that they will be reunited with their beloved father. Then Yoko's brother, Hideyo is accused of murder. How can Yoko keep this dreadful secret from Ko, and clear Hideyo's name?

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PW's starred review praised this fictionalized memoir of a refugee childhood in post-WWII Japan as "beautifully direct and emotionally honest." Ages 11-up. Copyright 1996 Reed Business Information, Inc.

Grade 5 Up-In this moving sequel to *So Far from the Bamboo Grove* (Lothrop, 1986), Yoko Watkins continues her family saga. In extreme poverty, the Kawashimas-13-year-old Yoko, her 17-year-old sister, and her 21-year-old brother-struggle to survive as refugees in post-World War II Japan. After a slow start, this autobiographical novel gains momentum as the young people lose their wretched

temporary home and are accused of burning a warehouse and committing a double murder. With the aid of new friends and personal aplomb, they find clues that clear their names and lead to the discovery of the true culprits. Along the way are fascinating details of how they make do and manage to preserve their dignity; the cruelty and humiliation Yoko endures in school; the interesting friendship they share with a Burakumin (outcast) couple; and an emotional reunion with their POW father, during which they must tell him that their mother died six years ago. The style here is a great improvement over the previous book, though some stilted dialogue still intrudes. The author is at her best in narration, skillfully building suspense and getting readers sympathetically involved in Yoko's difficulties and triumphs. John Philbrook, San Francisco Public Library Copyright 1994 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to the Library Binding edition.

This is a beautiful description of her life. People who criticize her because of nationalist propaganda should rethink what fuels the bias.

Loved the book I could not put it down

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Great read. Grab a box of tissues.

Really Good Book about the author's young, hard life. (I even cried a little bit!  
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