

Grave of the Fireflies (*Hotaru no haka*)

Director Isao Takahata (*Takahata Isao* in Japanese)

Year of production: 1988

The *anime* film is based on a short story (1967) by Akiyuki Nosaka.

The film shows Second World War (War in the Pacific) from the opposite side – through the eyes of people in Japan who suffered heavily from shortage of food and from air raids. Two children – a brother and a sister – find it difficult to survive in the cruel conditions at the end of the war.

Youtube (as of 7 Sept 2021)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bjeKEiryIXA>