



SHOPLIFTERS (Manbiki kazoku)

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Release: 2018

Cert (UK): NA

Country: Spain

Language: Japanese with English subtitles

Runtime: 2 hour 1 mins

Director: Hirokazu Koreeda

Writer: Hirokazu Koreeda

Cinematographer: Ryûto Kondô

Cast: Kirin Kiki, Lily Franky, Sakura Andô



Hirokazu Koreeda has been recognized as a great director - the 'heir' to Yasujiro Ozu - since *'Nobody Knows'* (2004), winning many awards around the world, but it has taken till now for him to win the Palme d'Or at Cannes with this, his latest film. We have had most of his films and they have all gone down well in Keswick.

Always the master of family dynamics, here his family is more a house full of people living on the margins of society: *'Shoplifting is practised by a middle-aged construction worker and the young boy he treats (and has trained) like a son; the labourer's wife works on a job-share scheme in a laundry; another young woman performs in a peep-show parlour; while the eldest of the makeshift 'family' lives off her former husband's pension and other more mysterious sources of income...Typically for Koreeda, the generally becalmed, affectionate tone builds slowly towards scenes that are finally deeply moving without ever being mawkish. Boasting excellent performances all round (with the writer-director once again demonstrating his expertise with children), 'Shoplifters' is another charming, funny and very affecting example of Kore-eda's special brand of tough-but-tender humanism'* - Geoff Andrew, Time Out. The family dynamic is changed by a young girl they 'rescue' from the streets...

