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“The Emperor`s Cook” is a Japanese TV series, that was premiered in 2015, tells viewers the story, which starts in the beginning of the 20th century in Japan. This historical drama depicts the life of Tokuzo Akiyama, portrayed by Takeru Satoh. Akiyama gets captivated by the art of cooking and embarks on a journey that eventually leads him to become the Emperor’s chef.

The series succeeds in describing Akiyama’s transformation from a young madman to respected culinary expert. However, this Tv series is not only about food. It’s a story of personal growth, love and war. The authenticity of the period, from costumes to settings, enhances the narrative.

One of the most memorable scenes was when Akiyama prepared food for ordinary people in Emperor’s palace. The kitchen s calm atmosphere strikingly contrasted with the external chaos of bombing. Even after being under the stress of losing their relatives, Akiyama and kitchen team stood strongly. They knew, they should help people to get some food in this terrible situation.

The series excelled in exploring themes like duty, ambition and the harsh realities of war. Scenes where food was looted or when the casualty of war affected the royal household were particularly dramatic, offering a glimpse into the impact of war on everyday life.

Overall, “The Emperor’s Cook” is not just a culinary journey but a rich historical narrative, beautifully integrated with complex characters and gripping storylines. It brilliantly captures the essence of a significant era in Japanese history, making it as must watch for those, who enjoy historical dramas. The series not only entertained me, but also provided a unique perspective on the impact of war and shock of both national identity and individual lives.

P. S. Please check some photos below:



