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## DRIFTING CLOUDS

(Finland, 1996 96 min.)

There's something at once familiar and unconventional about Aki Kaurismaki's *Drifting Clouds*. For those who've savored the flying Finn's oeuvre (*Match Factory Girl*, *La Vie de Boheme*), his new outing



reiterates a deadpan fatalism that's oddly compelling yet essentially unthreatening. Ilona and Lauri believe there is order in life and that hard work pays off with dividends. Fate, however, deals a much stronger hand. Kaurismaki remains the most Dickensian of contemporary filmmakers in his facility to

weave rigid, logical tales that are absorbing entertainments with a wicked, humorous underbelly. Leonard Klady, *Variety*.

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