

TALES OF THE PECULIAR

by Ransom Riggs

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Rating (0 stars is the absolute worst, 10 stars is the BEST BOOK EVER)



Genre(s):

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Contemporary

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Action/adventure

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Science Fiction

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Fantasy

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Romance

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Horror

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Mystery

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Nonfiction

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Historical fiction

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Other:

Tales of the Peculiar by Ransom Riggs is a collection of short stories that expand on the lore of the Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children universe. Each story focuses on a different 'peculiar' individual or event, weaving together the 'peculiar' powers and moral lessons that define the world. The stories stand alone yet also offer background that enriches the main series, showing the history, trials, and triumphs of the peculiars as a group.

I enjoyed the book's dual tone of both whimsical and almost horror-like tone and imaginative scenarios. Riggs's storytelling style is charming yet eerie, balancing fantasy elements through themes of acceptance and identity. These stories have a fairy-tale-like quality, complete with lessons that speak to both young reader and adults who appreciate magical realism.

I'd recommend Tales of the Peculiar to fans of the Miss Peregrine universe, who might want extra insight into the peculiar world. It also works as a standalone introduction for anyone who likes short, fantasy tales that explore human nature through a supernatural lens. Overall, it is an engaging read that adds depth to the series and demonstrates the creativity of Riggs at its best.

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