

MISS PEREGRINE'S HOME FOR PECULIAR CHILDREN

by Ransom Riggs

Published in 2011

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



Genre(s):

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Contemporary/Realistic

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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:

Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children by Ransom Riggs is a young-adult fantasy novel that is rich with adventure and uncanny mystery. With its unique premise, the story follows Jacob, a boy who grew up hearing stories from his grandfather about an orphanage filled with children with supernatural abilities. After a strange and unsettling event occurs that makes Jacob rethink his grandfather's stories, Jacob travels to Wales to find and uncover the orphanage's truths.

This book was simply amazing. The pacing was well-balanced, and the mix of time travel, monsters, and the additional photographs from Rigg's personal archive really set a distinctive atmosphere in the book. In regards to the photographs, they really kept me immersed in the story and it was fun to see a visual while reading. I would recommend this book to basically everyone, but especially if the person loved mystery, unique characters, and a bit of weirdness in what they read. However, this book can also be off-putting for a lot of people, since some of the photographs can be seen as creepy or disturbing, so I wouldn't recommend this book to any kids. In addition to this, the book does include some swearing.

Though I loved this book so much, I did have one thing that I was a bit put off by. To elaborate on this, I could have gone without the romance between Jacob and Emma. Although it's not the main focus of the story, it's still present. I feel like the romance was rushed and a bit awkward. Also, the dynamic of the two parties is a little strange, since Emma had previously dated Jacob's grandfather, so this might not work for every reader. However, people who like romance sub-plots might be less bothered by it.

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