

Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children Reading Group Guide

About the book: A mysterious island. An abandoned orphanage. A strange collection of very curious photographs.

It all waits to be discovered in *Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children*, an unforgettable novel that mixes fiction and photography in a thrilling reading experience. As our story opens, a horrific family tragedy sets sixteen-year-old Jacob journeying to a remote island off the coast of Wales, where he discovers the crumbling ruins of Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children. As Jacob explores its abandoned bedrooms and hallways, it becomes clear that the children were more than just peculiar. They may have been dangerous. They may have been quarantined on a deserted island for good reason.

And somehow—impossible though it seems—they may still be alive. A spine-tingling fantasy illustrated with haunting vintage photography, *Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children* will delight adults, teens, and anyone who relishes an adventure in the shadows.

About the author: **Ransom Riggs** grew up in Florida but makes his home in the land of peculiar children—Los Angeles. He was raised on a steady diet of ghost stories and British comedy, which probably explains the novels he writes. There's a nonzero chance he's in your house right now, watching you from underneath the bed. (Go ahead and check. We'll wait.) If not, you can always find him on Twitter @ransomriggs.

Praise for the Peculiar Children series:

"Readers looking for the next Harry Potter may want to visit *Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children*."—*CNN*

"Riggs deftly moves between fantasy and reality, prose and photography to create an enchanting and at times positively terrifying story."—*Associated Press*

"What makes the series soar, however, is not the world-building, as intriguing as it is, but the heartfelt intensity of the emotions."—*Virginian-Pilot*

"Ideal for fans of Neil Gaiman and Daniel Kraus, *Hollow City* blends fantasy and horror into a world that will engross readers and leave them eager for more."—*Shelf Awareness for Readers*

Discussion Questions

1. *Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children* begins with Jacob Portman living an ordinary life in Florida and recalling the stories his grandfather told him. How has storytelling effected your life?

2. Jacob lost his grandfather in a gruesome way. How did you feel when the official version of events was released by the police?
3. Jacob heads from hot and humid Florida to cold and damp Wales to follow the stories of his grandfather. Why do you think the author chose these two vastly different settings?
4. While exploring the island of Cairnholm, Jacob discovers a time loop. What did you think when Jacob first entered the time loop?
5. Ransom Riggs uses vintage photos to illustrate the peculiar world of *Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children*. How did the inclusion of photos effect the way you read the story?
6. Loop Day takes place right before a Nazi bombing of the orphanage. How does World War II complement the war that the ymbrynes and peculiars are having with the wights and hallowghasts?
7. The peculiar children have been likened to superheroes. Were there any peculiarities that you were drawn to? What peculiarity would you want to have?
8. There are a lot of surprises in *Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children*. What twist or turn surprised you the most?
9. Jacob went to Cairnholm looking for answers to his grandfather's death. Do you think Jacob got the answers he was looking for?
10. What do you think is next for the peculiar children?
11. Bonus question: Did you watch the movie? If so, what did you think of the changes that were made to the story to fit the big screen?