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"I'm absolutely fascinated ... there's just enough written [on the photos] to make each image more powerful, and leave you wanting to know more." - Boingboing.net

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About the Author
Ransom Riggs is the New York Times bestselling author of Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children, the writing of which was largely responsible for his current addiction to old photo collecting. Rather than seek treatment, Ransom channeled his compulsion into the compiling of Talking Pictures, a book he hopes will make you cry, and perhaps find a coveted spot on your coffee table. He lives in Los Angeles, where you can often find him hunting for old snapshots at the monthly Rose Bowl Swap meet.

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