

Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children

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Jacob Portman, the main character of the book, has always admired Grandpa Abe, who not only has fought in wars, but even performed in a circus once. Jacob loved hearing his adventurous and brave stories. Grandpa Abe began to talk about peculiar children- young boys and girls who were invisible or unbelievably strong. Some of these kids even had mouths in the back of their heads! When Jacob turned fifteen, his grandpa began to rave about creatures coming to get him. Jacob and his father believed that it was his dementia affecting his thought process until one day, Jacob found his grandfather dead. It was quite obvious that some type of monster with tentacles had killed him. Jacob begins to have nightmares about the creature that murdered Grandpa, and he tries to search for an explanation behind Grandpa's dying last words.

When Jacob and his dad visit Cairnholm Island, Jacob finds Miss Peregrine's home in an isolated part of the island. In this home, he realizes that the peculiar children his grandfather talked about were real. There were girls who would generate fire with her bare hands and other children with superpowers and strange deformities. Soon, the peculiar children's safety become compromised when the home learns about a bad group of peculiars who are trying to become immortal. Jacob and his new friends from Miss Peregrine's home try to stop this group from using their powers to do evil things.

This book was such a fun read, and I would definitely buy this book for a friend who loves to read adventurous and fun stories. I would recommend this book to readers from the ages of 12-14.

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Anya's Ghost by Vera Brosgol

Asylum by Madeleine Roux

The Book of Lost Things by John Connolly

The Charmed Children of Rookskill Castle by Janet S. Fox

Coraline by Neil Gaiman