

To the young readers of Pennsylvania, and their wonderful teachers and school librarians and parents,

I would like to thank you, from the bottom of my peculiar heart, for this honor. I am very glad I only just now looked at the list of past winners of PA Young Reader's Choice awards, because if I had looked at it a few months ago, before Miss Peregrine was chosen, I would've been very intimidated. I'm so happy that you connected with Jacob and the strange world he discovered, and found some room in your lives for my collection of old black and white photos. I was really hoping I'd be able to share them with young people who found them interesting, and now I know I have.

All the best to you, and read on!

Very peculiarly yours,  
Ransom Riggs