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"A fantastic collection of rare Bob Marley images." -- Crave Online

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About the Author

Kim Gottlieb-Walker has been a photographer for over forty years and has worked throughout the entertainment industry in film (John Carpenter's *Halloween* and *Escape from NY*), television (*Cheers*, *Family Ties*, Steven Spielberg's *Amazing Stories*), popular culture (Andy Warhol, Woody Allen, Philip K Dick) and music including Jimi Hendrix, Jerry Garcia, Gram Parsons and Pink Floyd for the music press.

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