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...grand cathedral-like Pennsylvania Railroad Station was torn down...Moore documented that sad, historically controversial process on large-format black-and-white film. -- *Popular Photography*, May 2001 -  
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Curiously, his most bracing images record the early stages of destruction, when commuters were moving through unfazed... -- *The New Yorker*, April 9, 2001

The sequence and editing of photos...give[s] you a strong sense of something almost alive that is slowly dying. -- *Paris Photo*, Summer 2001 --R.S.

...guaranteed to shock those who've only known the station's undistinguished replacement. Peter Moore's light-filled paeans to preservation... -- *New York Magazine*, April 9, 2001

...the loss of the old station was a factor in the creation of the Landmarks Preservation Commission in 1965. -- *The New York Times*, May 20, 2001

...ultimately, by allowing contemporary viewers to experience freshly that slow-motion tragedy, they illustrate why New Yorker's sense of loss endures... -- *The New York Times Book Review*, March 25, 2001 --  
*David W. Dunlap*

### About the Author

Peter Moore (1932-1993) began his career as assistant to the great industrial photographer O. Winston Link in the 1950s and eventually became Senior Technical Editor of *Modern Photography* magazine from 1978-1989. But he was best known for his photojournalism covering startling avant-garde performances that took place beginning in the 1960s, such as Fluxus, happenings, and Judson Dance Theater. During more than 30 years of documenting these events Moore amassed an unparalleled archive of several hundred thousand images, selections of which have been published and exhibited internationally. His photographs of the 4-year demolition of New York's Pennsylvania Station, on the other hand, were unknown to the outside world during his lifetime. This book represents thier first publication.

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