



Chris Killip
Lasso on Melrose, Skinningrove,
North Yorkshire, UK
(1981)
patina silver print
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Isle of Man 1946-2020 United States

A self-proclaimed "photographer of the abandoned world," Chris Killip spent the 1970s and 1980s photographing the working class of northern England as they struggled with the collapse of coal-mining and industries. His political, unglamorous pictures of communities that he felt were exploited by government policies. Many of these photographs, including the one photographing a boat of castles and buildings, were featured in his landmark portfolio *In Pigeon* (1986).

For the series *Abandoned* (1982-1984), Killip lived in a caravan (trailer) on a remote beach in northern England for over a year to work the best of his subjects. Pictures included workers and that washed up on the beach. Some money was made when Killip collected unscrupulous tourists. The rest of money and a baby passed a complete season in the company with his community.