

## ASD: The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time (Novel) Est. Time: 2 Weeks Reading/45 Minutes Class Time

### Objective

Gain insight into the life of an individual with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and how individuals with ASD are often perceived by members of the community.

### Synopsis

When Christopher Boone, a child with autism spectrum disorder, is falsely blamed for killing a neighbor's dog, he sets out to prove his innocence and uncover the real culprit. Despite his challenges, Christopher unravels clues that lead to unexpected discoveries.

### Activity

Read the following book and be prepared to discuss the questions below in class.

Title: *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* (2003)

Author: Mark Haddon

Publisher: Doubleday • New York

#### For Your Information

To learn more about autism spectrum disorder, visit:

- [What Is Autism?](#) (Understood)
- [Autism Spectrum Disorder Fact Sheet](#) (National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke)

### Questions/Discussion Topics

1. What were the only two emotions that Christopher was able to identify?
2. What was unusual about the page numbers in the book?
3. Why did Christopher find people confusing?
4. Christopher observes that “[I]ntuition can sometimes get things wrong. And intuition is what people use in life to make decisions. But logic can help you work out the right answer” (p. 65).
  - a. Were there any situations during Christopher's trip to London when intuition would have served him better? If so, explain.
  - b. If you had a choice between logic or intuition, which would you choose and why?
5. Did this book give you a better understanding of children who have autism spectrum disorder? Explain.