



Autism: The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time (Book)

Est. Time: 2 Weeks Reading/45 Minutes Class Time

Synopsis

This novel is narrated through the eyes of the main character, Christopher Boone, a child with autism. Falsely blamed for killing a neighbor's dog, Christopher sets out to prove his innocence and find the real culprit. Despite his disability, he acquired clues that led 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

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). Were there any situations during Christopher’s trip to London when intuition would have served him better? If so, explain. 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 with autism? If so, explain how.



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