

**Book Title: The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time**

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Experiencing the tale woven in the fictional piece, "The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time" is sure to leave the reader with an entirely new appreciation of the famous Sherlock Holmes line, "Elementary my dear Watson." In five words, it's suspense with a "logical" twist.

When Wellington, a neighbor's dog, is found murdered fifteen year old Christopher is wrongly accused of the crime and sets about to solve the mystery of this canine's demise. His plan to find the real killer is undertaken with a precise sense of order. Just the facts ma'am. The well trained eye and senses of a prodigy detective? No. Christopher is autistic. Logic and order are his world.

Mark Haddon does a spellbinding job of pulling us into the mind of a young man trying to make sense of the emotionally charged fragments that come together to unfurl the truth of the murder. Throughout the journey, those of us blessed with the opportunity to work with our own "Christophers" will run the gamut of laughter to empathetic pain as we experience Christopher's attempts to make logic of the emotional issues leading to the murder and the family's attempts to hold together in the wake of the turmoil brought about by such a disability. A must read.