

Book Review:

The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time is a breathtaking book full of marvellous scenes.

For those of you who love mystery novels, and for those of you who like to hang on the edge of your chair, this book is the perfect for you!!

The story is narrated in the first person, and so from the main character's perspective, a 15 year old boy named Christopher Boone. He knows all the countries in the world (including their capital cities) and all the prime numbers up to 7,507.

He lives in Swindon, with his father and his rat pet Toby. He hates yellow and brown, and loves the colour red. Christopher has difficulties in socializing with others, and has never been any further than the end of his house's street, well at least not until he finds out about the murder of his neighbour's dog, which turns him into a young detective. In addition, Christopher has Asperger's syndrome, a form of autism, which throughout the book helps him in his "mission" due to the fact that he sees every single detail better than everybody else would.

Interestingly, the syndrome is never explicitly mentioned by the author throughout the novel, but readers can definitely infer Christopher has it.

Christopher may recognize things perfectly, see things perfectly, memorise things perfectly, but he is not able to prioritise. He loves complicated things or subjects such as Maths and Science. Christopher will do anything he can to find out who the murderer is and is determined to write more and more pages of his detective story.

Towards the end, I could not stop reading. I wanted to know more and more about what would happen and I finished the book in an extremely short time. The ending is really fantastic. The only way to find out though is to go and read it!!!!

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good read' *INDEPENDENT*