

Letter to the author Marc Haddon

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The curious incident of the dog in the nighttime

Dear Marc Haddon,

It will never be possible to know what's going on in other people's mind, especially in the one of an autistic person. But with your novel you gave us the chance to follow the thoughts of Christopher the main character, without judging his behaviour or showing his mental disorder in a bad way. First we couldn't understand his irrational attitude towards relationships to other people in his environment. We were distracted by his dream of living alone in his town and being able to do what he wants because everybody else died. This imagination of a lonely world makes him as happy as his aim of becoming an astronaut so he won't have to deal with other people.

This is something we couldn't understand because for us, good relationships are an important part of our lives.

Due to your detailed explanations we got a huge impression about the autistic syndrome and learned that being autistic doesn't necessarily mean to have a bad or difficult life.

Thanks for enriching us with your novel!

Sincerely