The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime
By: Mark Haddon
It is about a teenage boy who has Autism. While writing a story about a dead dog, the main character, Christopher, discovers many family secrets.
STRENGTHS

* Interesting, original plot
* Different point of view— that of a boy who has Autism
* Constantly changing plot— page turner
* Easy vocabulary and pictures!!!
WEAKNESSES

* Not formatted like most books -- formatted in the way that a person with Autism thinks -- this can get confusing or boring.
* Due to the effort to imitate the mind of a person with Autism, the book sometimes seems more like a textbook than a fictional story.
PERSONAL EXPERIENCE

* Easy to relate to if you know someone with Autism
* Christopher's actions seem odd to the average person who looks at more than the analytical point of view
* Christopher does not leave readers to guess what he is feeling, as most people do. If he feels a certain way he will tell you and it is normally just the 3 base emotions (happy, sad, mad)
OVERALL OPINION

The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime is a good book written from an interesting perspective. The characters are done well and easy to relate to even if the reader's personal circumstances are different from those of Christopher. I would definately recommend this book.
This book is a great book for anybody that likes to read things that are simple, but meaningful. It is not hard to understand, and it covers a complex subject manner.
SIMILAR BOOKS AND MOVIES

* Movie version of The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime (available should you be traveling to the UK and would like to see it)
  * So B. It (book)
* The Memory Keeper's Daughter (book and movie)
  * Marcelo in the Real World (book)
  * Still Alice (book and movie)