

*"The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time"* is a murder mystery novel, written by Mark Haddon. The author uses a first person narrator, through the point of view of Christopher. We are going to talk about Mark Haddon's choice, then we are going to discuss the positive aspects and the disadvantages of this narrative form.

Mark Haddon might have chosen to use a first person narrator because he is in Christopher's mind. This enables readers to understand Christopher's disability better. We can put ourselves in his shoes thanks to the first person narrator.

What's more, it was simpler for Mark Haddon to focus on one character when he wrote the story, and for the reader, too, because there is only one point of view. In some books, there are multiple narrators, and readers can get lost. So, with this point of view, the author is able to release information slowly, as the main character learns. The author can surprise the reader at the same time as Christopher.

However, the first person narrator also has disadvantages. We can't know what the other characters are thinking or feeling, except through body language, or through Christopher's eyes. Because the first person narration is told through the perspective of a specific person, it's the most subjective of all of the points of view.

In conclusion, even if the first person narrator has disadvantages, we think it's still a good idea, because thanks to this narrative form, we totally understand how an autistic mind works, and we believe it was the purpose of Mark Haddon: To allow us to understand better the behaviour of children with a disease, and the third person narrator would not have had the same effect.