

*"The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time"* is a detective novel, or a 'whodunnit'. We follow the story through a first person narrator, who is Christopher, an autistic boy. He found a dead dog, his neighbour's dog, Wellington. As he really likes dogs, more precisely Wellington, he decides to investigate about it. Therefore, we will see how Mark Haddon, the author of the book uses the first person narrator in the story.

Firstly, it's better to use the first person to enter into the intimacy of Christopher's life, and simply understand the main character. Indeed, we can easily get into the brain of the protagonist and discover his atypical world. Furthermore, it is a real page-turner, because we are very involved in the story, as if we were living with Christopher. Secondly, it's an alternative way to get closer to the story, and to get more clues about the death of the dog and the mystery in general.

On the one hand, the advantages of using the first person narrator are that we can see the story through Christopher's eyes, hence we live the action at the same time as him, and we can better understand his mind. Besides, it is easier to know him by his words – as he describes himself – than if there was an external narrator. Also, if the narrator is omniscient, he knows everything in the book, and then we can lose interest in learning through an autistic person's vision.

On the other hand, Christopher has difficulties figuring out human feelings and sometimes he nearly acts like he doesn't have any feelings himself. Yet, it is quite complicated for most readers to identify with the character. Moreover, the story focuses on Christopher himself, whereas there are a lot of interesting characters who deserve more attention. What's more, because he is autistic, he sometimes tackles situations that are not important or interesting for the rest of the story, which can be really boring for the readers.

Even if it's sometimes difficult to follow the story, the first person narrator was a good choice, since the interest of the book is to help people understand the point of view of an autistic person.

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