

## ABSTRACT

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This research intends to present how Christopher with Asperger Syndrome can solve the dog murder incident in *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* (2003) Mark Haddon's novel. This novel discusses how Christopher as the main character found a dead body of his neighbor's poodle in his neighbor's lawn in the evening and tried to disclose who the murder. To analyze this issue, this research used a qualitative method and applied Psychology in Literature, Asperger Syndrome, and Character and Characterization theory. The result of this research shows that a kid with Asperger Syndrome in Mark Haddon's novel *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* (2003) could solve the dog murder case and disclose the perpetrator which is his father with several ways, namely: Christopher's way to disclose the dog murder case comes in three different ways namely Christopher's ability in seeing detail, Christopher's ability in observing his surroundings, and Christopher's discovery of relevant proof. The novel demonstrates the writer's witness on his friends who had Asperger Syndrome which leads him to juxtapose in introducing Asperger Syndrome and alluding honesty and trust about psychological issues. Additionally, this study well informs on the characteristics of people with Asperger Syndrome in the hope that the public will become more knowledgeable about Asperger Syndrome issues.

**Keywords:** asperger syndrome, autism, murder, mystery, *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*

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Penelitian ini bertujuan untuk menunjukkan bagaimana cara Christopher yang memiliki sindrom asperger bisa mengungkap kasus pembunuhan anjing di novel *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* (2003). Novel ini bercerita bagaimana pada suatu sore di halaman rumah tetangganya ia menemukan seekor anjing yang sudah mati dan mencoba untuk mencari tahu siapa pembunuh anjing tersebut. Untuk menganalisis masalah ini, penelitian ini menggunakan metode kualitatif dan menggunakan teori Psikologi dalam Sastra, Sindrom Asperger, dan teori Karakter dan Penokohan. Hasil penelitian ini menunjukkan bahwa seorang anak dengan Sindrom Asperger dalam novel Mark Haddon *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* (2003) dapat menyelesaikan kasus pembunuhan anjing dan mengungkap pelaku yang merupakan ayahnya sendiri dengan beberapa cara, yaitu: kemampuan Christopher dalam melihat detail, kemampuan Christopher dalam mengamati sekelilingnya, dan penemuan Christopher atas bukti yang relevan. Novel ini menunjukkan kesaksian penulis pada teman-temannya yang memiliki Sindrom Asperger yang membawanya menyandingkan dalam memperkenalkan Sindrom Asperger dan menyinggung kejujuran dan kepercayaan tentang masalah psikologi. Selain itu, penelitian ini menginformasikan dengan baik tentang karakteristik pengidap Sindrom Asperger dengan harapan masyarakat menjadi lebih tahu tentang isu Sindrom Asperger.

**Kata kunci:** sindrom asperger, autisme, pembunuhan, misteri, *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*