

Monday, January 21st, 2012  
English 11

Dear Ms. Lalonde,

I'm not much of a reader I think I haven't really liked a book since grade 6 (save LOTOR because that's my favorite movie and I didn't really like reading the books though) and I remember it. It was called Island of the blue dolphins but it's not what it sounds like. Anyway, this book was a little bit hard getting started pretty boring off the get go but when I got into it I couldn't put it down. This book like the other one had a kinda stupid title but it was not what it appeared to be at all. It was interesting the way the author Mark Haddon had every second chapter explaining things. This was pretty interesting at the start but by the end I just wanted it over with! The Curious incident of the dog in the night-time is a good read and would recommend it. I love fiction for the same reason anything can happen but this book was pretty realistic on cause and effect.

This passage is pretty close to the end of the book and is pretty interesting because the main character whose point of view it's told from doesn't realize how much he has screwed up for his family. Basically his mom moved away and his dad said she was dead and he found her and made her move back to his hometown and now she can't leave Christopher again and he thinks that everything is better now and he has no choice but to live with his mother.

"But everything was OK because Mother got a job on the till in a garden center and the doctor gave her pills to take every morning to stop her from feeling sad, except that sometimes they made her dizzy fall over if she stood up too fast. So we moved into a room in a big house that was made of red bricks. And the bed was in the same room as the kitchen and I didn't like it because it was small and the corridor was painted brown and there was a toilet and a bathroom that other people used and Mother had to clean it before or I wouldn't use it and sometimes I wet myself because other people were in the bathroom. And the corridor outside the room smelled like gravy and the bleach they use to clean the toilets at school."

This is the end of the book and I didn't really like how it ended but I guess it's not a fair tale and it doesn't have to end happy. Christopher as you read is very observant and notices everything except I don't think he understands the seriousness of the situation and what this means for the rest of his life and his parents. His parents were divorced and I think that they either had shared custody or has an agreement but Christopher doesn't really understand what that means he is only really worried about his math test and that his dad killed Wellington. Christopher is an interesting character and it's not what you see all the time in the book because you are told everything he is but he computes it a different way and reacts different than you would expect. This part of the book is pretty interesting and makes you realize that these things happen to families with kids with disabilities and parents aren't ready and can't handle it usually like his mom.

I don't if the author was trying to bring to attention this but I think this book is based around the repercussions of having kids with autism or a disability for a family. Now that I really think about that it kind of makes you think what parents with those kids have to go through. I may be wrong the author may of thought it'd be interesting to write a story from the POV of an autistic kid. I forgot about him but this book made me think but my cousin in Nova Scotia is autistic and I think he has the same thing as this kid does. You would talk to his parents and they are the nicest people you'll ever meet but you can see sometimes he really toll on the them. I can see why in this book the mother would move away I don't know how they handle him day after day but they have hearts the size of a horse and love him all the same as their other kids. I see in this book even though it is fiction that people like that are hyper focused and are really good at some things. I Think in one of the small chapters the math he was doing he was doing it better than I could and was a lot better than me at it. Its pretty cool but it weird that he is that smart at math but he doesn't know how to buy a train ticket and can't handle being in a room with more than 20 people. This book was good and the POV of Christopher is a different view on the world and is strange and wonderful.

I thought that this book was good and once I got into it I was very interested. Some people in class didn't like it but I did even with the ending. This book points out what families with children with disabilities have to go through. Some parents like the mother in this book said she had enough and left (well, that and other reasons) because she couldn't handle Christopher and his quirks and antics. This really makes you appreciate the parents with children like this who stick around because they love their children. Its a good book and with a good message or thats how I interpreted it.

Sincerely,