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the dog in the night-time**

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This is an authentic book for native speakers of English which it is written in the voice of a fifteen year old boy who has autistic spectrum disorder. When the hero of book discovered that a neighborhood dog has been killed, he goes on an adventure to solve the mystery. The main character and narrator of the book (not the author) is a child with autism. The writing is, therefore, excessively clear and concise, with very few idioms, metaphors, or figures of speech. In this way, the book imitates the language of someone with autism, but it also takes the reader ‘inside the head’ of the narrator so that we develop a strong sense of empathy for the character.

I recommend this book for several reasons. First, the book is unique and enjoyable, with subtle humor. It is a clever and well-written debut novel by author Mark Haddon and it has received a lot of praise from various sources. It also depicts a hero who has special needs. All students at Naruto University of Education, not only those majoring in Special Needs Education will find this story relevant. The author depicts the main character in a very sensitive and warm light. The book hopefully can increase awareness and understanding of those who have special needs. Finally, it is easy to understand for Japanese students. It is not a “graded reader”. Most novels in their original form would probably be too difficult for English learners to read, but this book, because of the voice in which it is written, is much more accessible.

