The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime is tragic, funny, and somewhat spooky realistic fiction. It was written by Mark Haddon, who is also the author of A Spot of Brother. I think this book should be for highschool students and up, or maybe 8th grade as well because there is a substantial amount of swearing.

The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime is about a teenage boy named Christopher who has autism. One day there is a murder in his quiet little neighborhood. Wellington, his across the street neighbor’s dog was stabbed in the chest with a pitchfork in the middle of the night. Christopher loved Wellington, so to have him die was almost a tragic as when his mom died a year before, Christopher decides to take on the role of detective and find who murdered Wellington. Between Wellington dying, dealing with autism, having an abusive dad, taking care of his rat Toby, and working extra hard in school to keep up his A in math skills he has his hands full.

I recommend this book to anyone who likes realistic mysteries and anyone who likes a book that teaches you something because it talks a little bit about autism and it talks about a lot of math (but in a fun way). I would not recommend this book to anyone who is not allowed to watch PG13 movies because this book I would say is equivalent to a PG13 movie. Overall this book is an incredible read and is definitely worth checking out.

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