KEY QUOTES: Mangin

**Chapters 2 - 43**

“No”

“Christopher”

“The Dog is Dead”

“What kind of heart attack?”

“Christopher, I really don’t think I want to see you right now.”

“Goodbye, Christopher,”

“Leave the dog alone for FUCKS sake”

“I decided that I was going to find out who killed wellington even though father told me to stay out of other peoples business” Pg. 38

“I wanted to come tell you that I didn’t kill Wellington. And also I want to find out who killed him.” Pg. 40

“I thought that Mrs Shears probably didn’t kill Wellington” Pg. 41

“Let go of the dog” : ms shears.

” Leave it christopher”- chris’ father.

“I strongly advise you to get into the back of the police car, because if you try any of that monkey business again, you little shit, I will seriously lose my rag. Is that understood?” the policeman.

“You seem very upset about this,”

“I think someone killed the dog.”

“Would you like to tell me what’s going on here, young man?”

“Mother died 2 years ago”- Christopher Boone- letting the readers know more about him (the fact that his mother died). pg 28

“I didn’t like him touching me like this. And that was when i hit him”- Christopher Boone- This quote lets the readers know little things that some people suffer from aspergers (i.e Christopher) pg 9

“I stroked Wellington and wondering who had killed him, and why.”- Christopher Boone- This quote helps the readers when it comes to working out what the stories about. pg 1

“This will not be a funny book. I cannot tell jokes because i don’t understand them.” Christopher boone- Christopher was letting the readers know that the book he was writing and we are reading was not going to be funny due to christopher not understanding jokes meaning he couldn’t write any either. pg 10

Ed Boone ( When he is explaining to Christopher that his mother has “supposedly” passed away -  “I’m afraid you won’t be seeing your mother for a while”(pg28)

Christopher ( after he  hits the police officer ) - “But it wasn’t an accident”(pg23)

Christopher ( When the police officer asked Christopher if he killed Wellington ) - “I always tell the truth” (pg23)

Mr shears “I haven’t a bloody clue.”

Ms alexander “I heard about it yesterday. Dreadful. Dreadful.”

Ms alexander“You’re Christopher, aren’t you?”

“She Drew I Face And I Knew It Was Happy”

“I Don’t Like People Shouting At Me. It Makes Me Scared That They Are Going To Hit Me Or Touch Me”

“What in fuck’s name have you down to my dog?” Page 3.

“The dog is dead”

“I find people confusing.”

**Chapters 47 - 67**

*‘So talking to the other people in our street was brave. But if you are going to do detective work you have to be brave, so I had no choice.’*

“ I said leave it, For christ’s sake.”

“This is a murder mystery novel.”

“I think I would make a very good astronaut. To be a good astronaut you have to be intelligent and I’m intelligent. You also have to understand how machines work and I’m good at understanding how machines work. You also have to be someone who would like being on their own in a tiny space-craft thousands and thousands of miles away…”

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·   His Dad- Just leave the dam dog alone Christopher

“Mr. Jeavons said that I liked maths because it was safe. He said I liked maths because it meant solving problems, and these problems were difficult and interesting but there was always a straightforward answer at the end. And what he meant was that maths wasn’t like life because in life there are no straightforward answers at the end.”

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“I’m sorry, Christopher, I’m really sorry.” -Christopher’s Dad- He was trying to let Christopher down easy, trying to make the pain of his mothers death less by trying to be more understanding

“I decided that I was going to find out who killed Wellington even though Father had told me to stay out of other people’s business.” -Christopher Boone- Even though Christopher's dad said ‘no’ to investigating in the death, he still is going to do it because he finds it interesting.

“Stay out of other people’s business” -Christopher’s Dad- He’s warning christopher to stay out of trouble, he doesn’t want anything to happen to him.

“Bloody hell, policemen really are getting younger, aren’t they.” -Mr Wise- When christopher was coming around and investigating people he went to Mr Wise and when he saw that he was asking questions like a police man he thought he might give a bit of lip and say something ‘humourous’.

“ Do you know who killed wellington ?”

“I decided that I was going to find out who killed Wellington even though Father had told me to stay out of other people’s business” Page 38.

“…because I was being a detective and finding things out” Page 41

“I decided that I would go and ask some of the other people who lived in our street if they had seen anyone killing Wellington or whether they had seen anything strange happening in the street on Thursday night” Page 45

“I Don’t Like Talking To Strangers But I’m Doing Detective Work”

“Do You Know Anything About Wellington Being Killed”

“I Asked If She Had Seen Anything Suspicious On Thursday Evening”

"I cannot tell jokes because I do not understand them"pg10: This emphasises Christopher's distance from any social norm.

"I'm 15 years 3 months and 2 days old"pg7 This shows how Christopher can't distinguish generalisation for when it's relevant

Mrs Sheers says "What did YOU do to my dog" and not, "what happened to my dog" This however is debatable seeing that either could be a normal response.

***QUOTES AND ESSAY TOPICS***

***Christopher’s father lied about his mother’s whereabouts. Why did he find it necessary to lie? Do you feel this behaviour is justified? Why?***

***Mrs. Alexander talking to Christopher about his mothers’ death; in the park- “you won’t tell your father about this conversation, will you”(page 77)***

***“It’s bloody hard telling the truth. Sometimes it’s impossible.”-Ed Boone (page 150)***

***“I did it for your good Christopher. Honestly I did. I never meant to lie… I just thought it was better if you didn’t know…”-Ed Boone (page 143)***

***“So you decided to just wipe me out of his life altogether?”***

***“Well isn’t that what you wanted?”***

***Conversation between Ed and Judy Boone, at the flat, in London (pages 239-241)***

***"This is a novel that explores the concepts of perception, lies and the truth. Discuss"***

***“dogs are faithful and they do not tell lies as they cannot talk" (page 4)***

***“Chris did not like being touched, and his perception of the officer's actions were incorrect; "I didn't like him touching me like this. and this is when I hit him" (page 9)***

***“this is called a white lie which is not a lie at all" (page 62)***

***His perception of marriage and life are strange and somewhat incorrect; "I will be able to pay someone to look after me...or i will get a lady to marry me...not be on my own" (page 58)***

***Perception and individuality - what's logical to some isn't to others; e.g.: red and yellow cars***

***“Because he had told a lie about a big thing" (page 153)***

***“Metaphors are lies”.***

***“A lie is when you say something happened which didn’t happen”.***

***“I know he meant this because this is what he said”.***

***“I think prime numbers are like life”.***

***The narrative in the novel The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time is primarily focussed on solving the mystery of "Who killed Wellington?" Do you agree?***

***"This is a murder mystery novel." p.4***

***"I decided that I was going to find out who killed Wellington even though father had told me to stay out of other people’s business." p.38***

***"The next day was Saturday and there is not much to do on Saturday...so I decided to do some more detection on my own." p.45***

***Chain of reasoning. p.53***

***Interviewing neighbours. p.47-55***

***“When I started writing this book there was only one mystery to solve, now there's two.”***

***“I am going to find out who killed Wellington” pg 26***

***'In a murder mystery novel someone has to work out who the murderer is and then catch them....that is why i started with the dog' pg 5***

***I went to London on my own ... I solved the mystery of who killed Wellington... pg 268***

***'Father had told me I couldn't do any more detecting which meant that the book was finished' pg 67***

***Christopher's father lied about his mother's where-abouts. Why did he find it necessary to lie? Do you feel this behaviour is justified? Why?***

***"I did it for your good, Christopher" (p.143)***

***"It was an accident" (p.143)***

***"But once I said it... I couldn't change it" (p.144)***

***"We all make mistakes, Christopher. You, me, your mum, everyone... We're only human"***

***Given Christopher’s aversion to being touched, is there any evidence in the novel that suggests he experiences a sense of attachment to other people/things?***

***She spread her fingers out in a fan so that I could touch her fingers, but then I saw Toby had escaped out of my cage so I had to catch him.***

***.******and it was like counting but saying, left right left right, which Siobhan taught me to make me feel calm***

***Sherlock Holmes doesn't believe in supernatural things, which is God ... Which are stupid things.***

***4 red cars in a row make it a good day, 3 red cars ...'***

***“Christopher’s parents behave in Christopher’s best interests.” Do you agree?***

***Christopher’s mother explains in a letter to him:***

***-“I’m not like your Father. Your father is a much more patient person; he knows how to deal with you.” page 133***

***-“But I said that I couldn’t leave you, and he was sad about that but he understood that you were really important to me.” Page 135***

***-“And I think that was when I realised you and your father were probably better off if I wasn’t living in the house” page 136***

***-“Christopher, I never meant to hurt you. I thought that what I was doing was the best for all of us. I hope it is. And I want you to know that this is not your fault.” Page 137***

***Christopher’s Father tries to explain why he lied about Christopher’s Mother’s death.***

***-Then he said, “I did it for your good, Christopher. Honestly I did. I never meant to lie. I just thought… I just thought it was better if you didn’t know that… that … I didn’t mean to… I was going to show them to you when you were older.” Page 143***

***-Another piece of evidence was the fact that Christopher’s father only killed Wellington because the dog was getting in the way of creating a new family with Mrs Shears. Christopher’s father only killed Wellington for the chance that maybe one day Mrs Shears would come and live with them. “I think she cared more for that bloody dog than for me, for us.” Page 151***

***-And father shouted, “I cooked his meals. I cleaned his clothes. I looked after him every weekend. I looked after him when he was ill. I took him to the doctor. I worried myself sick every time he wandered off somewhere at night. I went to school every time he got himself into a fight. And you? What? You wrote him some fucking letters. I did it to protect him.” Page 240***

***Four Important Multi-use Quotes:***

***"...loving someone is helping then when they are in trouble, and looking after them, and telling them the truth..." pg. 146***

***"Because...if you don't tell the truth now, then later...later on it hurts even more." pg. 150***

***"... there was nothing to do except to wait and to hurt." pg. 217***

***"The world is full of obvious things which nobody by any chance ever observes." pg. 92***