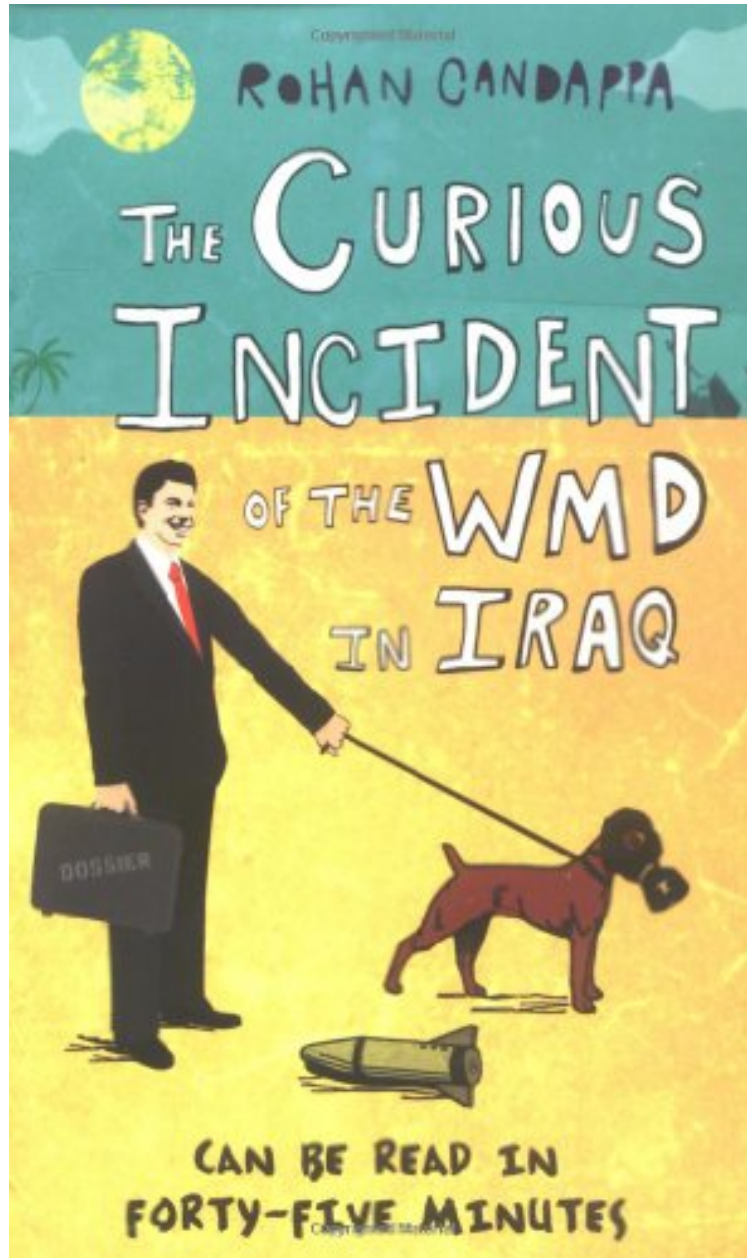


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Cross your eyes and tilt your head and the image comes clear. By Aunt Mary First, if you haven't read "The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night", I recommend reading it first. It will help in understanding Mr. Candappa's message in full. Second, knowing well English politics and political figures would be helpful. However, if you are like me and hadn't read "...The Dog in the Night" and aren't conversant in English politics, give Mr. Candappa's message time. It will blossom. Finally, Rohan Candappa deserves greater recognition for his marvelously creative writing.

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Never judge a book by its cover unless it's this one! By Kali This is a hysterically funny book that in parody actually tells the awful truth about Britain's stupidity in getting involved in the Iraq War in the first place but it is done in such a way you have to laugh out loud because if you don't you will end up crying instead. Written very much in the style of Mark Haddon's book "The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time" we quickly come to the conclusion that dear old Mr Blair and his many friends such as Alistair, Angi and Bill are really not on the planet with the rest of us mere mortals! Tongue in cheek is given a new name here is all I can say and I had to wipe away many a tear of laughter and desperation as I read each page, and yes, as the front cover says, you can read it in, "forty-five-minutes!" As with Mark Haddon's book we are treated to little black and white pictures along with clipped precise explanations that make us realise that most of our politicians and their cronies are fools and we are even bigger fools for voting for them in the first place. A great book that puts the whole sorry state of world on trial and finds everyone guilty as charged!

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Tony's autobiography (not) By David Brockert This tongue in cheek autobiography of Britain's Prime Minister Tony Blair is funny. The humor is in the caricature of Tony and his close associates. The truth is sad. On the last page is "Who's Not Who" the story of the first casualty (read "dead person") of the present Iraq war. What happened since to his family? Are they alive? Is his widow a prostitute now to make ends meet? Or what? The tone of the book is consistent throughout, which must have been rather hard to do as it cannot be this writer's natural writing style. A thoroughly enjoyable book (I gave it four stars because it is not great literature).

The Curious Incident of the WMD in Iraq is a mystery like no other. The detective, and narrator, is Anthony Algernon St. Michael Blair, the Prime Minister of Britain. He knows a great deal about New Labour, sound bites, and why he makes a good leader, and very little about the history of Iraq. He loves cheese and hates Gordon Brown. He discovers what he thinks is the central mystery and sets out to investigate it, but subsequently discovers a deception which leaves him forever linked in an uneasy triangle with a stumbling, inarticulate US president and a genocidal dictator.

From Publishers Weekly A title sure to pique the curiosity of Americans who oppose the Iraq war (especially those who have read *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*), this British political parody is at times clever and informative but, on the whole, does not translate well for U.S. readers. The tone stays extremely close to the original, using footnotes similarly and nearly duplicating key portions of the text: "When I first met Alastair... he showed me this picture: And I knew it meant 'In Opposition'. Then he showed me this picture: And I knew it meant 'In Power'." This technique is used to great effect initially; however, the book is far too long to sustain the close parroting, and it soon grows tedious. Tony Blair's personal history and the rise to power of his New Labour party make up well over half of the text; one of the characters even notes that it takes far too long to begin talking about Iraq. The book likely contains a great deal of good material on Blair, but those unfamiliar with British political parties and politicians will find it difficult to separate fact from fiction or to truly understand the majority of the humor. (Many quotes are formatted in such a way as to imply that they are real, but a number of them clearly aren't, which will make readers wonder whether any of the presented "facts" are true.) The primary implication of this parody seems to be that Blair is charismatic but secretly totalitarian and ruthless, thinking himself heir to a world empire and plotting behind even his friends' backs. Though the book contains a few bits of information that may prove revelatory to U.S. readers, its appeal will likely be limited on this side of the pond. Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

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