

C - V5 (Mr. Thomson/No. 40) and Christopher

~~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."~~

MR. THOMPSON. Can I help you?
CHRISTOPHER. Do you know who killed Wellington?
MR. THOMPSON. Who are you?
CHRISTOPHER. I'm Christopher Boone from number 36 and I know you. You're Mr. Thompson.
MR. THOMPSON. I'm Mr. Thompson's brother.
CHRISTOPHER. Do you know who killed Wellington?
MR. THOMPSON. Who the hell is Wellington?
CHRISTOPHER. Mrs. Shears' dog. Mrs. Shears is from number 39.
MR. THOMPSON. Someone killed her dog?
CHRISTOPHER. With a fork.
MR. THOMPSON. Jesus Christ.
CHRISTOPHER. A garden fork.
MR. THOMPSON. Oh.
CHRISTOPHER. Do you know who killed him?
MR. THOMPSON. I haven't a bloody clue.
CHRISTOPHER. Did you see anything suspicious on Thursday evening?
MR. THOMPSON. Look son, do you really think you should be going round asking questions like this?
CHRISTOPHER. Yes I do, because I want to find out who killed Wellington and I am writing a book about it.
MR. THOMPSON. Well I was in Colchester on Thursday so you're asking the wrong bloke.
CHRISTOPHER. Thank you for helping with my investigation.
NO. 40. It's Christopher isn't it?
CHRISTOPHER. Yes it is. Do you know who killed Wellington?
NO. 40. No. No. I don't. No. I'm sorry.
CHRISTOPHER. Did you see anything suspicious on Thursday evening, which might be a clue?
NO. 40. Like what?
CHRISTOPHER. Like strangers or the sound of people arguing.
NO. 40. Perhaps you should be talking to your father about this.
CHRISTOPHER. I can't talk to my father about it because he told me to stay out of other people's business.
NO. 40. Well maybe he has a point Christopher.
CHRISTOPHER. So you don't know anything that might be a clue.
NO. 40. No. You be careful, young man.

CHRISTOPHER. I will be. Thank you for helping me with my investigation.

Do you know who killed Wellington?
MR. WISE. Bloody hell. Policemen really are getting younger aren't they?

Mr. Wise laughs. Christopher walks away.
CHRISTOPHER. 2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17, 19, 23, 29, 31, 37, 41, 43, 47, 53, 59, 61, 67, 71, 73, 79, 83, 89, 97

Do you know anything about Wellington getting killed?

MRS. ALEXANDER. I heard about it yesterday. Dreadful. Dreadful.
CHRISTOPHER. Do you know who killed him?

MRS. ALEXANDER. No, I don't.

CHRISTOPHER. Somebody must know because the person who killed Wellington knows that they killed Wellington. Unless they were a loony person and didn't know what they were doing. Or unless they had amnesia.

MRS. ALEXANDER. You're Christopher aren't you?

CHRISTOPHER. Yes. I live at number 36.

MRS. ALEXANDER. We haven't talked before, have we?

CHRISTOPHER. No. I don't talk to strangers. But I'm doing detective work.

MRS. ALEXANDER. I see you every day, going to school on your school bus, when I'm walking my dog. It's very nice of you to come and say hello. Even if it's only because you're doing detective work.

CHRISTOPHER. Thank you.

MRS. ALEXANDER. I have a grandson your age.

CHRISTOPHER. My age is 15 years and 3 months and 3 days.

MRS. ALEXANDER. Well, almost your age. You don't have a dog, do you?

CHRISTOPHER. No.

MRS. ALEXANDER. You'd probably like a dog wouldn't you?

CHRISTOPHER. I have a rat.

MRS. ALEXANDER. A rat?

CHRISTOPHER. He's called Toby.

MRS. ALEXANDER. Oh.

CHRISTOPHER. Most people don't like rats because they think they carry diseases like bubonic plague. But that's only because they lived in sewers and stowed away on ships coming from foreign countries where there were strange diseases. But rats are very clean.

MRS. ALEXANDER. Do you want to come in for tea?