



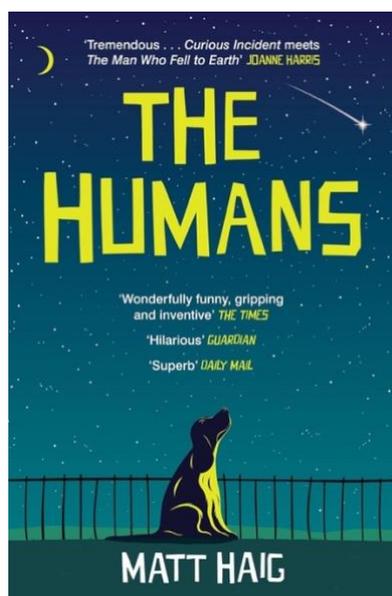
Prison Reading Groups
25 years
1999-2024

Book Talk

The Humans

By Matt Haig

Number of pages: 320



When an extraterrestrial visitor arrives on Earth, he assumes the form of leading Mathematics professor at Cambridge University, Andrew Martin. At first, the visitor is disgusted by the human species, desperate to complete his task and return to his home planet. However, as he begins to see mankind's silver linings, he starts to question the morality of his own mission.

Matt Haig's *The Humans* is both hilarious and thought-provoking.

We recommend this book if you enjoyed *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime* by Mark Haddon or *The Midnight Library*, another brilliant book by Matt Haig.

Discussion Questions:

1. Which of the visitor's observations about humanity did you find the most interesting or surprising?
2. How does the book handle the topic of mental health?
3. Matt Haig uses comedy as a tool for tapping into complex issues – do you think this is an effective technique?
4. Were there any moments you found particularly funny or witty in the book?
5. This book plays on the typical science fiction genre, with humans viewed as the 'alien' species. Did you enjoy this inversion of the sci-fi norm?

Thank you to our intern Ruth for choosing this title and creating the resource.