

# Lillie M. Evans Library District Book Club

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## Biography:



Graeme C. Simsion is a New Zealand born Australian author, screen-writer and playwright. Prior to writing fiction he was an information systems consultant and wrote two books and several papers about data-modelling. He established a consulting business in 1982 and sold it in 1999. He later co-founded a wine distribution business, Pinot Now with Steven Naughton. From 2002-2006, as a PhD candidate at the University of Melbourne, he conducted the largest published study of data modeling practitioners. His work was published as his PhD thesis "Data Modeling: Description or Design," University of Melbourne, 2006 and in *Data Modeling Theory and Practice* (Technics Publications, 2007). He won the 2012 Victorian Premier's Unpublished Manuscript Award for his book, *The Rosie Project*. He is married to Professor Anne Buist and has two children. (From Wikipedia. Retrieved 10/03/2013.)

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## Discussion Questions:

1. Do Don's Asperger's conditions help him or hinder him? Does Don's having Autism offer any advantages in his life?
2. Do you agree with Don's assessment that "humans often fail to see what is close to them and obvious to others"? (p. 88)
3. What do you think of Gene and Claudia's relationship? Do you know anyone in an open marriage? Can it work?
4. As Don's affection for Rosie grows, he becomes aware of his instincts overriding reason. What is the role of instinct versus reason when it comes to choosing a life partner?
5. Don watches a number of movies to try to learn about romance, including *When Harry Met Sally*, *The Bridges of Madison County*, *An Affair to Remember*, and *Hitch*. What are your top five romantic movies?
6. Is it smart to have a list of criteria for a potential partner or is it limiting? Do you feel happy for Don when he "eliminates a number of unconventional mannerisms" (p. 268) in order to win Rosie, or has he lost something?
7. Were you surprised at the ultimate revelation of Rosie's biological father? Did you suspect someone else? (Questions from the publisher)