

Character List

Below is a list of the major characters.

- Reverend Samuel Parris:** The Reverend is the controversial and insecure minister of Salem.
- Betty Parris:** Betty is the 10-year-old daughter of Rev. Parris. She is one of the first girls to be “afflicted.”
- Tituba:** Tituba is a slave brought from Barbados by Parris. She is first accused of witchcraft, and calls out the names of others in an attempt to save herself.
- Abigail Williams:** Abigail is the 17-year-old niece of Parris. An orphan, she lives with her uncle. She leads the girls in their accusations.
- Susanna Walcott:** Susanna is Abigail’s friend, although slightly younger. She is one of the “afflicted” girls.
- Mrs. Ann Putnam:** Ann Putnam is the wife of Thomas Putnam.
- Thomas Putnam:** Thomas Putnam is the wealthy husband of Ann Putnam.
- Mercy Lewis:** Mercy is the Putnams’ servant. She is friends with Abigail and is “afflicted.”
- Mary Warren:** Mary is the Proctors’ meek and insecure servant. She is friends with Abigail and “afflicted.”
- John Proctor:** John is a farmer and the protagonist in the play. He is a tragic hero and the first to expose the girls as frauds.
- Rebecca Nurse:** Rebecca is an elderly, sweet, respected figure of 72 years. She seems to be the voice of reason and calm in the community.
- Giles Corey:** Giles is a cantankerous, elderly gentleman of 83 years who often sues his neighbors. He is a man of principles.

The Crucible

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Reverend

John Hale: John Hale is an expert on witches called in from neighboring Beverly by Parris.

Elizabeth Proctor: Elizabeth is the dutiful, faithful, though often chilly, wife of John Proctor.

Francis Nurse: Francis is the husband of Rebecca. A sweet, elderly man.

Ezekiel Cheever: Ezekiel is the clerk of the court who serves arrest warrants.

Marshal Herrick: Marshal is the constable of the jail who is often drunk.

Judge Hathorne: Judge Hathorne presides over the trials.

Deputy Governor

Danforth: Danforth is the Deputy Governor of Massachusetts. He presides over the hearings and is more interested in order than justice.

Sarah Good: Sarah is a homeless woman, one of the first accused. She confesses in a hope to save herself.

Hopkins: Hopkins is the jail guard.



Miller's daughter Rebecca married Daniel Day-Lewis, who starred in the 1996 movie *The Crucible*.