

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.

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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.

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- 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*.