

CHARACTERS

(Cast of 12: 7 female, 4 male, 1 either)

Cynthia Tanner (147 lines): Widow in her late 50s, still hovering over her adult children, Luke and Bethany; a well-meaning busybody

Bethany Tanner (208 lines): Busy manager of the Three Bees inn (31 years old), who dislikes her mother getting too involved in her work; a hostess who struggles with true hospitality

Luke Tanner (202 lines): Easygoing, kind, and amiably sarcastic owner of the Three Bees bookshop (late 20s/early 30s); a bookman who has grown a bit complacent in his study of God's Word

Janet Ingram (64 lines): Practical, committed gossip (in her 60s), who can be rather ridiculous at times; mother of Heather and grandmother of Riley

Heather Clark (55 lines): Young mother in her 30s, sweet, enthusiastic about everything, and slightly lacking in sense

Riley Clark (24 lines): Cheerful, eager child

Glen Mounce (65 lines): Abrasive, terse, moody man, about 40; a guest at The Three Bees for the holidays, with his wife and daughter

Vera Mounce (67 lines): Glen's petulant, opinionated wife, who is never happy with anything

Joy Mounce (46 lines): Glen and Vera's young daughter, naturally willful but with a tenderness under the surface created by unhappiness

Maria Dean (89 lines): Humble, kindly "old maid" in her 50s, who knows and cares for everyone

Oscar Wammersley (61 lines): Young professor of Renaissance literature at a nearby university, who perpetually quotes from Shakespeare; a good friend of Luke

Dominic "Nick" Caruso (62 lines): Wealthy, well-educated young man (24 years old), who plans to pay Maria a surprise Christmas visit and arrives as a modest, mysterious guest at The Three Bees