

the heaven & earth grocery store character list

Page Introduced	Character Name	Character Explained
4	Malachi	bought the town bakery
5	Chona (also called Miss Chona)	a Jewish woman who was crippled by polio
5	Dodo (real name: Holly Herring; also known as Nate Love II)	Nate's and Addie's nephew; a deaf 10-year-old orphan boy injured in an accident involving an exploding stove when he was nine; talks well and can see again after a period of lost sight
7	Moshe Ludlow	Jewish manager of the All-American Dance Hall and Theater in Pottstown, Pennsylvania; Chona's husband
7	Chick Webb	the "colored" leader of a twelve-piece band playing at the theater; a tiny man with a hunchbacked, curved spine
7	Mickey Katz	a Yiddish genius of klezmer music who played the clarinet and led a seven-piece ensemble
13	David Einhorn	the town's first Rabbi who spoke out against slavery during the Civil War and was run out of town
13	Isaac	Moshe's cousin in Philadelphia
13	Yakov Flohr (nickname: Reb)	Chona's father and owner of The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store
18	Nate Timblin (nickname: Nate Love)	worker at Moshe's theater
19	Erskine Hawkins	American trumpeter and big band leader
20	Alvin Karpis	"... .."

19	Anna Morse	a "well-dressed Negro woman" who owns "a colored dance hall" in Linfield and Morse's Funeral Home
24	Rabbi Karl Feldman (nicknames: Fertzels, Frabbi)	the fumbling, but well-meaning leader of the Ahavat Achim congregation of Pottstown
24	Irv Skrupskelis	identical twin (considered to be the better half) who ran the local shoe store; known for being mean and disagreeable
24	Marv Skrupskelis	identical twin (of Irv) who ran the local shoe store; known for being mean and disagreeable
25	Doc Roberts (real name: Earl Roberts)	the town's well-connected physician, a bookworm with a limp from polio, who was a head marcher in the town's annual Ku Klux Klan parade
26	John Potts	the town's founder
29	Addie Townsend Timblin	Nate's wife, hired to help at The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store and for Sabbath chores
31	Bernice Davis	Chona's next door neighbor and very quiet "Negro" childhood friend with at least 8 children; known otherwise for being mean and disagreeable; works as a cook for the Skrupskelis brothers
31	Darlene	Chona's "Negro" neighbor
32	Larnell	Chona's "Negro" neighbor, who couldn't read but could do complex math in his head
32	Cleota	Addie's sister, who also worked at The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store
33	Louis Jordan	a "Negro bandleader"
37	Rusty Davis	a handyman; Bernice's stepbrother

37	Bags	Rusty's uncle
37	Reverend Ed Spriggs (nickname: Snooks)	the community leader of Chicken Hill
37	Holly	wife of Reverend Ed Spriggs/Snooks
42	Fatty Davis (real name: Lloyd)	a muscular, gold-toothed man who ran Chicken Hill's only speakeasy; Bernice's brother
42	Yula	a townspeople
42	CJ	Yula's son
42	Callie	Yula's son
43	Mr. Eugenio Fabicelli	former owner of the bakery
65	Herb Radomitz	owner of the ice house
76	Thelma	Dodo's mother who died; Addie's sister
81	Patty Millison (nicknames: Newspaper, Paper)	a laundress and the local gossip
83	Willard Millstone Potts	the town's chief baker; grandson of John Potts
84	Big Soap (real name: Enzo Carissimmi)	a large and gentle Italian from one of the few white families living on the Hill; a friend of Fatty Davis, who translated for him and worked at local plants with him
86	Clemy	Rusty's aunt
88	Dick Clemens	works at Flagg Industries
91	Miggy Flood	from Hemlock Row; a Lowgod who used to work as a laundress with Paper and also used to work at Pennhurst

93	Earl "Shug Davis"	second cousin to Bernice; driver for the vice president of Pottstown
93	Bobby Davis	second cousin to Bernice; a handyman
93	Buck Weaver	the Pottstown native who played baseball for the Chicago White Sox
93	Mrs. Traffina Davis	wife of Reverend Sturgess and great-niece of Bernice
93	Reverend Sturgess	a reverend
93	Hollis Davis	Chicken Hill's only locksmith
93	Chulo Davis	the legendary jazz drummer who left Chicken Hill to play with the Harlem Hamfats
94	Shad Davis	Bernice's father; a friend of Chona's father, Yakov
96	Norman Skrupskelis	a homebound shoemaker and father of Irv and Marv
97	Thunder	Shad's mule
99	Yvette Hurlbutt Nezefky Skrupskelis	Norman's mother
100	Lulu	Shad's silent wife
107	Emma Goldman	a progressive Jew
109	Carl Boydkins	"the man from the state" looking for Dodo; Doc Roberts's distant cousin, who was an athletic ladies' man
112	Ed Bole (called himself Lord Earl Blessington of Sussex)	an Irish sailor tied to the Roberts family

112	Chaing Kai Wu	the Chinese emperor for whom Ed Bole was a manservant in 1774
113	"the Blessington sisters"	Ed Bole's widower and the American nanny she fell in love with
114	Uma	15-year-old wife of the third new partner in the Roberts tract; said to have spent time at the Muncy penitentiary
115	Fitz-Hugh	Uma's second husband, who made a fortune in opium and bought out the original owners and made a small one-man mill into two with four workers each
117	Della Burnheimer	Doc Roberts's high school date
121	Dana Andrews	American film actor
143	Monkey Pants	Dodo's 11 or 12-year-old friend at Pennhurst in Ward C-1; a white boy who couldn't talk and "looked as if he had tied himself up in knots and was hiding from himself"
157	Lionel Hampton	a bandleader; American vibraphonist and pianist
157	Machito	part of the Afro-Cubans band
157	Louis Armstrong	American jazz legend
157	Joe Glaser	Armstrong's manager
157	Mario Bauza	leader of the Afro-Cubans band
157	Gladys Hampton	Lionel's wife, who ran his band
159	Pedro	a member of Hampton's band
160	Duke Ellington	American jazz pianist and composer

168	Doc Hinson	a "colored" doctor in Reading, Pennsylvania
168	Booker T. Washington	American educator, author, and orator; "one of the Negro's greatest leaders"
168	Gene	Fatty's older cousin, who "stumbled into a high-society Negro girl whose father owned a thriving dry-cleaning business" that he took over
170	Thomas Sturgis	the Quaker owner of the Chestnut Hill Riding Company
172	Stacy	a horse
172	Adolph	a half-blind Jewish rag peddler
174	David Hynes	a devout Christian with a kind heart
174	Billy O'Connell	a lieutenant at the Empire Fire Company; the cop who captured Dodo and took him to Pennhurst
175	Son of Man	an evil worker at Pennhurst
176	Dirt	President of the Volunteer Women's Association of St. Aloysius Catholic Church in Pottstown
182	Mrs. Fioria Carissimi	Big Soap's mother
182	Vivana Agnello	Gustowskis's son; the head of the city council
183	Guido	Fioria's cousin who wanted to buy the bakery
183	Pia Fabicelli	Eugenio Fabicelli's younger sister; the city council's janitor
184	Enrico	Vivana's husband, who pretended to be a foreman at the Enlevra plant

185	Matteo	Pia's husband, a plasterer
206	Junow Farnok (called himself Mr. Hudson)	a successful Budapest hatmaker from Buffalo, New York; member of the Ahavat Achim congregation
206	John Keaser	shoemaker
208	Hirshel Koffler	a young immigrant from Austria; brakeman for the Pennsylvania Railroad; member of the Ahavat Achim congregation
208	Yigel Koffler	a young immigrant from Austria (and Hirshel's brother); brakeman for the Pennsylvania Railroad; member of the Ahavat Achim congregation
208	Paul Von Hindenburg	German president
208	Adolf Hitler	a young Austrian chosen by Hindenburg "to serve as chancellor to keep the Nazi party 'in check'"
210	Gustowskis Plitzkas	owner of a farm near the top of the Hill
213	Gus Plitzkas	a man whom Reading gangsters were looking for
230	Bunny Hales	"a big, hulking Chicken Hill resident"
233	Abraham Lincoln	American president who abolished slavery
243	Bullis (nickname: Egg Man)	delivers eggs to Pennhurst
244	Sanko	a man whom Reading gangsters were looking for
249	John Antes	Pottstown's greatest composer
249	George Washington	first President of the United States

251	Ferdie	Plitzka's cousin
251	Nig Rosen	a frightening mobster
260	Chief Markus	chief of police
299	Laverne	a woman from the Row who helped Miggy get a job at Pennhurst
315	Irene Dunne	American actress
315	Cab Calloway	American jazz singer and bandleader
325	Sister Rosetta Tharpe	great blues singer
346	Titus	a horse
356	Hal Leopard	the parade director
357	Druker	the Jewish tailor
357	Avram Gaisinsky	a Russian Jew who was a cornet player
357	Todrish	Avram's son; a cornet player
357	Zusman	Avram's son; a cornet player
357	Zeke	Avram's son; a cornet player
358	Elia	Avram's son; a cornet player
361	Henry Lit	a Russian Jew; a former boxer; a gambler
377	Uri Guzinski	a union boss for the Pennsylvania Railroad