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THE CHARACTERS



Emma Woodhouse

Emma is beautiful, clever and rich. Does she truly understand other people's hearts? Does she even understand her own?



Mr Woodhouse

Emma's frail father is afraid of wedding cake and afraid of change. Does he really have anything to fear?



Harriet Smith

Harriet is seventeen, pretty, and easily led. Will her friendship with Emma bring her happiness? How many men can a girl love in one year?



Mr Elton

The gallant Mr Elton seems keen to marry. Can Emma find him the right wife?



Mr Knightley

Emma's friend and neighbour is a perfect gentleman. Can he undo the damage caused by her father's indulgence? Can he escape her matchmaking schemes?



Jane Fairfax

Jane Fairfax is beautiful, talented and honest. Or is she? Why doesn't Emma like her? Is her reserved nature hiding a secret?



Frank Churchill

Frank is a lively young gentleman whom Emma quickly likes. Why doesn't Mr Knightley like him? Does he really travel to London just for a haircut?