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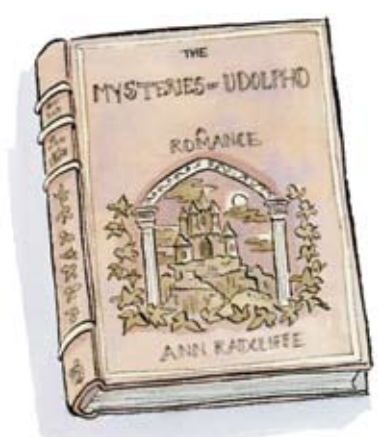
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THE CHARACTERS



Catherine Morland

Catherine is an unlikely heroine. Is she strong enough for the challenges that lie ahead? Will she live happily ever after?



James Morland

James is Catherine's brother. Will his friendship with John Thorpe lead him and Catherine to happiness or heartbreak?



Isabella Thorpe

At twenty-one years old, Isabella is beautiful, fashionable and more experienced than Catherine. Is she a true friend? Can Catherine and James trust her?

John Thorpe

Isabella's brother and James's friend. Will he be the hero of Catherine's story, or the villain?





Henry Tilney

Henry is an intelligent, pleasant clergyman. Can such a man be a hero? Why is he afraid of his father? What does he think of Catherine?



Eleanor Tilney

Henry's younger sister is shy and gentle. How did her mother die? Why is she afraid of her father?



General Tilney

Henry and Eleanor's father is both charming and frightening. Why are his children afraid of him? What dreadful secrets is he hiding in Northanger Abbey?