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THE CHARACTERS



Anne Elliot

Eight years ago Anne was persuaded to reject the man she loved. Will she now have a second chance to find true love and happiness?

Sir Walter Elliot and Miss Elizabeth Elliot

Anne's father and sister are proud – some think too proud – of their family name.

Is their vanity the greatest threat to their future comfort?



Lady Russell

Lady Russell loves Anne like a daughter. Although she is kind, is she wise? Will her persuasive powers once again lead Anne towards heartbreak?

Captain Wentworth

This is the gallant man whose heart Anne broke many years ago. Can he love her again, or will he be charmed by the young and beautiful Louisa Musgrove?



Louisa and Henrietta Musgrove

These two beautiful, lively sisters are in search of husbands. Can either of them mend Captain Wentworth's broken heart?

Mr William Elliot

Why is the handsome heir to Sir Walter Elliot's estate seeking Anne's father's friendship? What are his intentions regarding Anne? Can he be trusted?



Mrs Clay

Why has this young widow befriended Sir Walter and Elizabeth? Are Anne and Lady Russell right to distrust her?