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THE CHARACTERS



Fanny Price

Fanny is a lonely, frightened guest in her uncle's stately home. Is she as weak as others think, or does she have surprising inner strength?



Edmund Bertram

Edmund is Fanny's kindest cousin. Can he make her happy, or will he destroy her happiness forever?



Julia and Maria Bertram

Sir Thomas's beautiful, proud daughters. Will they bring honour or shame to themselves and their family?

Mrs Norris

Fanny's bitter aunt is determined to keep Fanny in her place. What harm will be caused by her spiteful interference?





Sir Thomas Bertram

Sir Thomas is wealthy, proud, and rather frightening. Although he loves his children, does he really know them?

Henry Crawford

Henry is a terrible flirt with a dangerously cold heart. Whose heart will he break? Surely not his own.





Mary Crawford

Mary is beautiful, lively, and determined to marry well. How far can she deceive Edmund? How strong is her influence over him?