



Character Description



William Gillette –

Male, 40s–60s

Famous actor who made his career portraying Sherlock Holmes on stage. Charming, quick-witted, and dramatic, he loves to be the center of attention. Hosts his friends at his opulent Connecticut home for Christmas Eve. When a murder occurs, he takes on his "Holmes persona" to solve the mystery.



Martha Gillette –

Female, 60s+

William's mother. Cheerful, witty, and a bit eccentric, she dotes on her son but also has a sharp tongue and surprising strength. Provides comic relief but is also cleverer than she may first appear.



Felix Geisel –

Male, 30s–50s

William's best friend and fellow actor. Often acts as a sort of "Watson" to Gillette's "Holmes." Nervous, excitable, and prone to panic. A devoted husband to Madge, but their bickering provides laughs.



Madge Geisel –

Female, 30s–50s

Felix's wife, also an actress. Wry, tough, and practical, with a sardonic edge. Not afraid to put Felix in his place and has a dry sense of humor. Loyal and sharp.



Simon Bright –

Male, 20s–30s

A young, up-and-coming actor. Handsome, a bit naïve, and head over heels in love with Aggie. At times nervous and insecure, but earnest and kind.



Aggie Wheeler –

Female, 20s–30s

Young actress, sweet and beautiful, but with more steel underneath than she first appears to have. Recently lost her wealthy uncle under mysterious circumstances. Engaged to Simon, but the past still tugs at her.



Inspector Harriet Goring –

Female, 40s–60s

A quirky, eccentric police inspector who arrives to investigate the crime. Odd but brilliant in her own way. Has an unorthodox style—sometimes baffling, sometimes hysterical—but she gets results.



Daria Chase –

Female, 40s–50s

Famous theatre critic. Glamorous, cutting, and cruel with her words. She enjoys gossip and has a mean streak, which makes her many enemies. Her arrival adds fuel to the fire of jealousy, secrets, and suspicion.