

Character List for Murder Simply Brewed

This list carefully avoids spoilers. Names and descriptions below reflect the original information given about each character. Main characters are listed, along with most minor players, more or less in the order they appear in the story.*

Amber Wright - general manager of Amish Artisan Village for 22 years - lives in the *Dawdy Haus*, a small house near her job and owned by the Amish Artisan Village

Leo - Amber's cat

Miranda - Amber's sister, lives in Biloxi, Mississippi

Amish Artisan Village - departments/shops and owners/managers:

100-Room Inn - **Karen** and **Martha**

Small Conference Center

Restaurant - **Stanley**

Bakery - **Georgia**

Shops

Cat's Meow - yarn shop - **Mary**

Simple Toys - **Norman**

Katie's Mercantile - **Katie Schmucker**

Village Fashions - **Letha**

Quilting Bee - **Carol Jennings**

A Simple Blend - coffee shop - **Ethan Gray**

Larry Sharp - assistant manager of Amish Artisan Village

Ethan Gray - manager of A Simple Blend - murder victim

Hannah Troyer - Amish, just turned 22 - works at the Quilting Bee

Eunice - Hannah's mother, 42 years old

Mattie - Hannah's 2-year-old sister

Ben, 19 y.o. - **Noah**, 16 y.o. - **Dan**, 15 y.o. - Hannah's brothers

Carol Jennings - manager of the Quilting Bee

Elizabeth - Amber's office assistant

Tate Bowman - Amber's neighbor

Trixie and Velvet - Tate's donkeys

Peggy - Tate's late wife, died 4 years earlier

Gordon Avery - police detective - sweet on Amber

Fanny Bontrager - Amish - sells quilts through the Quilting Bee

Jesse Miller - Amish - long time friend of Hannah's - works at the Village in the grounds department

Margaret Gray - Ethan's widow

Brian Nordman - clerk at tractor supply store - in his mid 20's

Preston - a veteran who served in Afghanistan and ended up homeless after leaving the military

Henry Yoder - parking attendant at the Amish Village

Katie Schmucker - owner of Katie's Mercantile - 50-year-old widow

Seth Kauffman - trainee in coffee shop

Mitch Dodson - pastor of Tate's church

Patricia (Pat) Gray - Ethan's sister - has had emotional/social problems since experimenting with LSD as a teenager

Brad Shipley - member of the family that owns the Village

Carl - delivers supplies to A Simple Blend

Cherry Brookstone - very young police officer

Andrew - Jesse's older brother who moved to Chicago

Minerva - herbalist

Teresa - Jesse's younger sister

Susan - Jesse's oldest sister, 16 years old

Staff of the Amish Artisan Village:

Management:

Amber Wright - general manager

Larry Sharp - assistant manager

Carol Jennings - manager of the Quilting Bee

Katie Schmucker - owner of Katie's Mercantile

Harvey - supervises grounds crew

Stanley - manages restaurant

Norman - makes wooden toys

Georgia - oversees bakery staff

Karen - manages the inn

Mary - runs Cat's Meow, the yarn shop

Letha - make and sells clothing at Village Fashions with her sisters' help

Other Staff:

Elizabeth - Amber's office assistant

Jesse Miller - on the grounds crew

Henry Yoder - parking attendant

Seth Kauffman - trainee

Martha (and Karen) - manage the check-in desk at the inn

Footnote:

Please understand that my review is based on the audio version of the book. For that reason, I have to spell unfamiliar names phonetically (unless they occur on early pages, which I can access on amazon.com.) Also, I will sometimes miss names completely or get them out of order if I miss them when they first occur. Other times, I may list characters out of order on purpose if I place them with a group, in which some appear earlier in the story than others. (You can always use Ctrl-F to search for a name if you have trouble finding it.)