

## Character List for *Between a Wok and a Hard Place*

This list carefully avoids spoilers. Names and descriptions below reflect the original information given about each character. Main characters are listed, along with some minor players.

### **Pennsylvania Dutch Mystery Series Regulars**

**Magdalena Yoder Miller** - 46 year-old Mennonite (one of those Mennonites who were formerly Amish, from Switzerland) - has been married one month to Aaron Miller

**Susannah Yoder Entwhistle** - Magdalena's 36-year-old sister. She ran off and married a Presbyterian after the death of her parents. Now divorced, she is lazy and irresponsible. She billows when she walks because she drapes herself in "enough fabric to clothe a small third-world country."

**Papa and Mama Yoder, deceased** - The parents of Magdalena and Susannah died about 11 years earlier in a highway smash-up, their vehicle being sandwiched between a truck full of running shoes and a tanker full of milk. Previously Mr. Yoder had been a dairy man and Mrs. Yoder sold eggs. They may have already passed on to Glory, but you'll hear about them, especially Mama.

**Mose Hostetler** - age: mid 70's, a kinsman and handyman for the inn - Amish instead of Mennonite

**Freni Hostetler** - 74 years old, Mose's wife - the cranky cook for the PennDutch Inn

**Aaron Miller** - Magdalena's new husband, her "Pooky Bear"

**Aaron Miller, Sr. (Pops)** - Aaron's father

**Melvin Stoltzfus** - Hernia's Chief of Police

**Zelda Root** - Melvin's assistant and fiancé

**John Hostetler** - Mose and Freni's son who now runs their farm while they work for Magdalena

**Barbara Hostetler** - John's wife - 6 feet tall - always at odds with Freni

**A.L.P.O.** - Amish Lifestyle Plan Option - Penn Dutch Inn guests pay extra to take care of their own rooms, laundry, and meals

### **PennDutch Animals**

- **Shnookums** - Susannah's tiny dog
- **Matilda and Bessie** - milk cows

## Characters in Current Story

### PennDutch Inn Guests:

- **Angus Dixon** - Pulitzer prize-winning photographer
- **Dorothy Dixon** - children's book author
- **3 Dixon children** - Bradley, Marissa, and Caitlin
- **Terry Slock** - former child actor on the popular TV show, *Mama Wore Pearls*
- **Dr. Wilmar Brack** - world-famous osteopath
- **Ms. Shirley Pearson** - a high-level executive of Silver Spoon Foods, the American division of Kakogawa Foods

**Rita Stutzman** - her missing scarecrow was a case for the local police

**Annie Kauffman** - knows everything that goes on in Hernia

**Lizzie Kauffman** - Annie's daughter

**Mary** - Lizzie's playmate, next door neighbor

**Eli Kauffman** - Annie's husband

**Samuel Kauffman** - Annie's teenage son

**Enos Mast** - Amish teenager (also his grandfather's name)

**Isaac Mast** - Enos' father - a farrier

**Yoshi Kobayashi** - a 23-year-old Japanese tourist who went missing in Erie

**Reverend Sims** - Presbyterian pastor

**Martha Sims** - Rev. Sims' wife

**Edwina Stucky** - organist at the First Mennonite Church of Hernia

**Harvey Zook** - found the Mast horse and buggy on top of Stucky Ridge in Settler's Cemetery

**Catherine Blough** - Harvey's girlfriend, prettiest girl in Hernia

**Salina Zook** - Harvey's mother

**Abigail Cobb** - a Presbyterian - makes clothes for and sells Amish crafts to Englishers

**Jacob Zook** - Mennonite farmer who rescues cars in distress with his tractor

**Dr. Rosenkrantz** - a competent, unpleasant physician

**Thomas Arnold** - Samuel Kauffman's alias

**the Amos Augsburgers** - Amish couple - invited Aaron Miller, Sr., to supper one evening

**Deirdre Miller** - Aaron Jr.'s first wife

**Elizabeth (Lilibet) Augsburger** - Amos' wife

**Obadiah Augsburger** - son of Amos and Lilibet, about Caitlin Dixon's age

**Leona da Vinci** - graduate student at Temple University

**Wang Mei Hua** - Leona's roommate

**Hillary Clinton** - receptionists at the Bedford hospital