

Character List for *Eat, Drink and Be Wary*

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 - 46 year-old Mennonite and proprietress of the PennDutch Inn of Hernia, Pennsylvania

Susannah Yoder Entwhistle - Magdalena's 35-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 13 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 - Mose's wife - the cranky cook for the PennDutch Inn

Aaron Miller - Magdalena's ex-husband, her former "Pooky Bear"

Melvin Stoltzfus - Hernia's Chief of Police

Zelda Root - Melvin's assistant

Jonathan 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 Betsey** - milk cows

Characters in Current Story

Derrick Simms - reporter for the *National Intruder*

Involved in the East Coast Delicacies (E.C.D.) Cook-off

- **Freni Hostetler** - contestant - see above
- **James Anderson (Jimmy)** - judge and organizer - vice president of East Coast Delicacies
- **Alma Cornwater** - contestant, middle-aged woman from Cherokee, North Carolina - lives on the Cherokee Reservation
- **Gladys Dolby** - contestant - accompanied by her father **Gordon**
- **Ms. Kimberly McManus Holt** - contestant, from Boston - the star of *Cooking with Kimberly* - a stylish woman in her late 30s
- **Arthur Strump (Art)** - contestant, in his late 20s - arrives with his 18-year-old girlfriend **Carlie Davis** who is covered with rings (body piercings)
- **Marge Benedict** - judge, food critic for *American Appetite* magazine
- **George Mitchell** - judge, CEO of East Coast Delicacies - "a dapper, older gent"

Sam Yoder - Magdalena's cousin and owner of Yoder's Corner Market

Dr. Rosenkrantz - physician at the Bedford hospital

Nurse Dudley - a fixture at the Bedford hospital

Dr. Balu Nagpur - an intern at the Bedford hospital

Lodema Schrock - wife of the pastor of Beechy Groove Mennonite Church (Magdalena's church) and the town's biggest gossip

Ed Cornwater - Alma's husband

Gary Cornwater - Alma's son - stole a car when he was 14

Tiffany - Gary's girlfriend, who shot the clerk when they were holding up a gas station

Pat - owner of Pat's I.G.A. in Bedford

Reverend Schrock - pastor of Beechy Groove Mennonite Church

Ervin Stackrump - a lawyer

Elizabeth Mast - Amish friend who visited Mose and Barbara when they were ill

Gardenia - Carlie mother, deceased since Carlie was a baby