

Character List for *Material Witness*

Setting: Shipshewana, Indiana, in September

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.*

Callie Harper - owner of Daisy's Quilt Shop in Shipshewana - moved to Indiana from Houston, Texas, when she inherited the shop from her Aunt Daisy (Powell)

Deborah Yoder - 33 year-old Amish mother with 5 children

Esther Fisher (or Stutzman?) - young Amish mother with two children from two marriages

Melinda Byer - young Amish mother with three children

Bishop Elam - spiritual counselor for the Shipshewana Amish in the story

Max - Callie's yellow Labrador

Simon Fisher - Esther's 6-week-old baby

Elizabeth Hochstetler - has recently died - the story opens with the reading of her will - she's a special friend of Melinda's

Mrs. Barnwell - banker

Levi Hochstetler - son of the deceased woman

Sadie Hochstetler - wife of Levi

(Robert and) Nancy Gerald - customer of Daisy's Quilt Shop - featured some of the shop's quilts in an exhibit at the Chicago Museum of Arts recently

Lydia - Amish teenager who works for Callie

Matt Byer - 11 years old, Melinda's oldest child

Martha Yoder - 11 years old, Deborah's oldest child

Aaron Byer - nearly 8 years old, Melinda's middle child - is in a wheelchair because of a chronic health condition

Dr. Bernie Richards - Aaron's physician

Jonas Yoder - Deborah's husband

Deborah and Jonas's children: **Martha**, 11; **Mary**, 8; **Joseph** and **Jacob**, 7; **Joshua**, 2½ years

Mrs. Knepp - owner of another quilt shop in Shipshewana, Quilts and Needles

Trent McAllister - editor of the *Shishewana Gazette*

Annie King - a child in the same classroom with Aaron, Joseph, and Jacob

Mary Ellen - Matt's cousin who is working at a booth at the Fall Crafters' Fair

Justin - friend of Aaron's who lives on the farm next to the Byers - a year older than Aaron

Law Enforcement Personnel

- **Officer Andrew Gavin** - strict by-the-book officer with a teddy-bear heart
- **Officer Stan Taylor** - senior officer in Shipshewanna - old enough to retire
- **Shane Black** - detective from the county office
- **Pearla** - substitutes for Callie
- **Leroy** - crime tech

Margie - owns the coffee shop

Yoders' buggy horses - Cinnamon and Lightning

Mrs. Drisban - a regular customer at Daisy's Quilt Shop

Noah Byer - Melinda's husband

Melinda and Noah's children: **Matt**, 11; **Aaron**, 7; **Hannah**, nearly 2

Rebekah - midwife

Tobias Fisher (or Stutzman?) - Esther's 2nd husband - her first husband had died before the beginning of the first book in the series

Samuel Ebby - a main character in previous book, *A Perfect Square* - works at RV factory

Adalyn Landt - local lawyer - age: nearing 50

Miriam - Deborah's sister

Ginger - the Byer's buggy horse

Ruth and Abe Yoder - Jonas' parents

Kate - Jonas' sister

Sharon - Kate's oldest daughter, 16 years old

Sylvia - no-nonsense medic, called to care for Gavin

Thomas Hochstetler - Elizabeth Hochstetler's youngest child

Jolene Dowden - friend of Thomas's

Adam Hochstetler - Elizabeth's husband

* 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.)