

Character List for *Play It Again Spam*

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 - 75 years old, according to Magdalena

Aaron Miller, Jr. - Magdalena's former "Pooky Bear" (in other words, the man she married, not knowing he was already married)

Melvin Stoltzfus - Hernia's Chief of Police

Zelda Root - assistant police chief

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 until she finally got pregnant with triplets

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
- **Bessie and Matilda** - milk cows

Characters in Current Story

PennDutch guests

- **Bob Hart** - from Tulsa, Oklahoma - reserved four rooms for himself and his buddies from the 43rd tank brigade in World War II - a veritable giant of a man
- **Sandy Hart** - Bob's wife - Magdalena takes an instant hatred to her - her husband blames her behavior on the fact that she is bipolar
- **Jimmy Hill** - from Arkansas - married 50 years
- **Doris Hill** - Jimmy's wife - they are the cutest little couple ever
- **Frank Frost** - from Missouri, but lives in Anchorage now - age: 76 - rarely speaks
- **Marjorie Frost** - Frank's wife - self-defined klutz - age: 24
- **Scott Montgomery** - from Minnesota - they bring Magdalena a gift: a tin of SPAM® Lite
- **Dixie Montgomery** - Scott's wife - they are an attractive couple in their 60s
- **Samantha Burk** - from Pennsylvania, just outside Pittsburgh - a retired musician
- **Dr. John Burk** - Samantha's husband - a retired professor history at Duquesne University

***Mary Alice Gorman** and **Richard Goldman** - proprietors of the Mystery Lovers Bookshop in Pittsburgh

Samuel Berkey - the (deceased) Bishop's son-in-law, Strubbly Sam - age: early 70s

Amanda Berkey - Samuel's deceased wife

Elvina Stoltzfus - Melvin's widowed mother - age: 75

Lodema Schrock - Magdalena's pastor's wife - dyes her hair - makes it her business to monitor the morals of the congregants

Reverend Schrock - does not approve of his wife's vigilante activities

Diana Lefcourt - aka Mother Anjelica Houston - aka Ankhesenamen - head of a New Age commune or retreat - it's hard to tell exactly who she thinks she is

Irma Yoder - "Old Irma," age: 102 - has a "cheddar-shredding tongue" - she's becomes part of the story by going missing

Megan - Bob Hart's ex-secretary and his "bimbo," according to his wife - **Heather** and **Angie** are also named as possible romantic interests of Bob's

Emil - Sandy's "boytoy" (her term for him)

Hugh Ginerich - Reverend Schrock's fishing partner

Esther Ginerich - Hugh's wife

Aaron Miller, Sr. - Magdalena's former father-in-law

Rebecca Miller - Aaron's deceased wife

Earl Whitaker - agent for Hernia Realty who has been trying to sell the Miller farm

Dr. Gabriel Rosen (Gabe) - a Jewish ex-heart surgeon

Franz von Weimar - assistant chief of military intelligence in France during WWII

Johanne Burkholder - protégé of Franz von Weimar