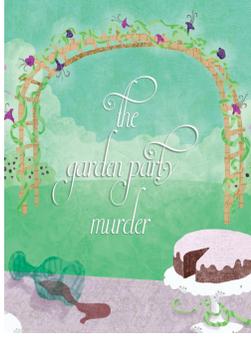




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annie paulson

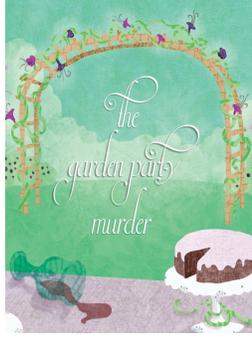
The "hired help" for the garden party, Annie has been brought in to serve refreshments, as well as set it all up and tidy up after the party is over. A mild-mannered young woman, Annie is quiet and tends to keep to herself. During the day, she works at the local town library, cataloguing books and making sure everyone respects the "Quiet Please" signs. While she doesn't like to tell many people because it sounds cliché, Annie was, in fact, an orphan. Annie wears a floral dress and a pair of long satin gloves.

celia barnes

A woman from the Big City, Celia has come to the town of Christie's Leigh for the garden party today. Wealthy and well-spoken, Celia carries herself with perfection, but is clearly uncomfortable to be at Belladonna Manor. A bit of a mystery after her sudden departure from Christie's Leigh many years ago, what she does reveal about herself is guarded. Some have said that the only thing less prevalent than Celia's sense of humour is her desire for acceptance in social situations. Celia wears a nice, simple flowing dress and hat.



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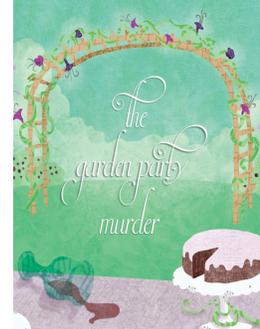


daphne christie

Daphne has lived in the town of Christie's Leigh all her life, and follows a long line of Christies who have called the area home. In fact, Christie's Leigh, was named after her great great grandfather, who set up his home and shop in a clearing in the woods, and from there the town grew. Until recently, Daphne had one of the most respected and successful law firms in the area. She is serious as stone yet has a softer side and she enjoys playing polo and gardening. She will have a lot more time to enjoy her passions in the future, as she has recently closed her practice. Daphne wears an elegant, flowing dress and a sun hat.

carolina spalding

A new addition to the town of Christie's Leigh, Carolina Spalding is a botanist who studied at one of the finest universities. After graduating, she decided to move to Christie's Leigh, and has been living here ever since. A valuable addition to the community, Carolina is thriving in her new home and has even spearheaded an annual flower festival, a garden contest and an award for making Christie's Leigh beautiful, given to the best spring and fall gardens each year. Carolina is friendly, outgoing and naturally curious, and wears a light, flowing dress.



naomi marx

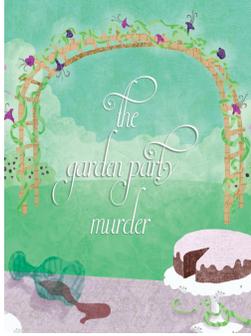
A long-time resident of the town of Christie's Leigh, Naomi Marx is a quiet woman who loves gardening and getting involved in the town's social events. When she was younger, she adopted Annie Pawlson, and raised her in Christie's Leigh. Recently though, her life took a drastic turn, as she was admitted to Godiva Point Mental Health Facility. Because of this, she is attending the party with Maryanne Boles, an attendant from the facility. Naomi wears a simple spring dress and hat.

maryanne boles

Outgoing and assertive, Maryanne is a resident of Christie's Leigh, but works as an attendant at the Godiva Point Mental Health Facility, which is about a thirty minute trek from the town of Christie's Leigh. Maryanne volunteered to escort her patient, Naomi Marx, to the garden party, but shortly after received her own invitation to the party, so is attending both in a working capacity and as a guest. Maryanne wears a spring dress.



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rita mcqueen

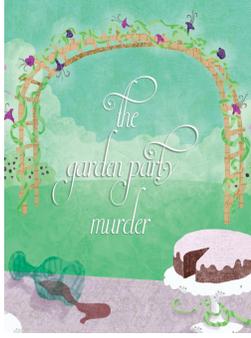
Rita McQueen has been the gardener at Belladonna Manor for years. While not originally a guest of the garden party, Rita has quite possibly been named a suspect for being in the wrong place at the wrong time - or was she? She is quiet and well-spoken, and wears a long dress, long gardening gloves and a floppy sun hat.

shantelle freebush

A proud, headstrong woman, Shantelle is a resident of the town of Christie's Leigh and has lived here with her husband for nearly thirty years. About one year ago, she was the victim of a horrible accident and was told she would never walk again. Not one to let something like paralysis get in her way, Shantelle worked and fought to prove the doctors wrong - and succeeded! Shantelle can walk again, but uses a cane - and a stylish one at that! Shantelle wears a dress with a sun hat.



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sabine de ravenel

Formerly a detective in the Big City, Sabine moved to the town of Christie's Leigh and started her own private investigation service. Small, simple cases are all that Sabine usually deals with, and she's content with that. Sabine is enjoying the slower pace that Christie's Leigh offers while serving the town and its surrounding communities. Sabine wears a floral dress and large sunglasses, and never goes anywhere without a very tiny camera.

doretta green

President of Christie's Leigh's social club and unofficial town busybody, Doretta always knows what the residents of Christie's Leigh are up to. If someone has parked illegally, she leaves a nasty note on their windshield. If someone is playing music too loudly, she is the one who calls the police. If someone is up to no good, she's the one who informs the other members of the social club. Self-righteous and outspoken, Doretta pokes her nose into the affairs of others in a humble dress and a sensible hat.