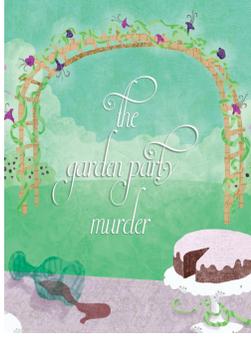




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annie paulson

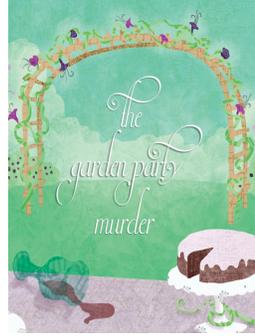
The "hired help" for the garden party, Annie has been brought in to serve refreshments, as well as set it all up and tidy up after the party is over. A mild-mannered young woman, Annie is quiet and tends to keep to herself. During the day, she works at the local town library, cataloging books and making 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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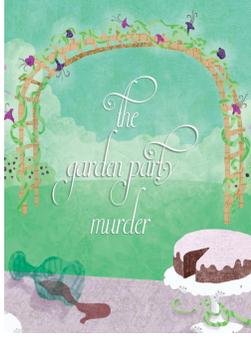


daphne christie

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

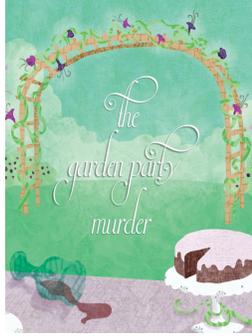
A long-time resident of the town of Christie's Leigh, Naomi Marx is a quiet woman who loves gardening and getting involved in the town's social events. When she was younger, she adopted Annie Pawlson, and raised her in Christie's Leigh. Recently though, her life took a drastic turn, as she was admitted 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

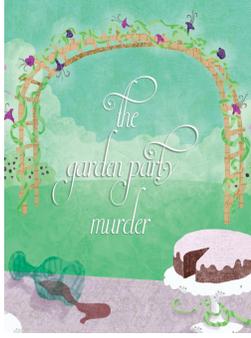
Rita McQueen has been the gardener at Belladonna Manor for years. While not originally a guest of the garden party, Rita has quite possibly been named a suspect for being in the wrong place at the wrong time - or was she? She is quiet and well-spoken, and wears a long dress, long gardening gloves and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

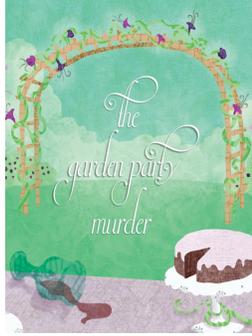
Formerly a detective in the Big City, Sabine moved to the town of Christie's Leigh and started her own private investigation service. Small, simple cases are all that Sabine usually deals with, and she's content with that. Sabine is enjoying the slower pace that Christie's Leigh offers while serving 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 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.



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natalya hall

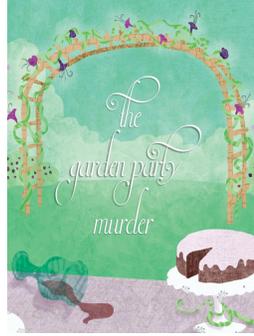
Natalya is a bit of a mystery guest at the garden party, as she is not a local of the town of Christie's Leigh, and no one seems to know who she is. Natalya is distinguished, elegant and quite mysterious. She wears a plain white dress and large sun hat.

silvia thorndike

Owner of the local bed and breakfast, Silvia is a long-standing resident of the town of Christie's Leigh. A bit of a busybody, Silvia keeps a close eye on those staying with her, and has earned a questionable reputation in tourist guides. Fortunately for Silvia, she offers the only accommodation in town, so those visiting Christie's Leigh have no choice *but* to stay with her! Silvia is close friends with another local resident, Doretta Green, and the two swap gossip most afternoons in the local cafe.



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pipa delorme

Pippa Delorme runs the local apothecary. While the apothecaries of old dispensed medicine and advice, Pippa specializes more in natural, herbal remedies for common maladies, and keeps shelves upon shelves of plant-based herbs; cures for anything that ails you. While some believe her techniques are outdated, Pippa has a loyal client base and those who swear by her remedies insist that her methods are more effective than a modern doctor and pharmacist combined. Pippa is quiet but friendly and elegant, and wears a flowing floral dress and sun hat.

maud crabtree

Curate at the church next to Belladonna Manor, Maud is a hard-nosed, proper woman who believes everyone else should behave in the same manner. Having worked in the church for longer than even the vicar, Vicar Demming, has been there, Maud has seen a lot in her time, and knows each of the residents of Christie's Leigh personally. While she does scold those who choose to live "footloose and fancy-free", she is considered more of a local treasure than a tyrant, and the residents of the town of Christie's Leigh take her attitude and scoldings with a grain of salt. Maud wears a plain dress to the garden party, and a sensible sun hat – a far cry from her usual black dress, nylons and sensible black shoes.