



A Little Princess – CHARACTER DESCRIPTIONS

Sara Crewe

A wise, imaginative young girl. In spite of her wealthy background, she reacts with composure to the misfortunes and abuses that befall her after her father's death. Sara's emotional survival depends on her lively inner life, especially her fantasy of being a princess who helps those in need. She shares her stories and fantasies with friends, helping them to change their outlook on reality and to behave more generously. When she recovers her wealth and position of power, Sara uses her resources to help others.

Captain Crewe

Sara's wealthy, indulgent father. He is stationed in India as part of the British military but wants his daughter to get an education in England. He dotes on Sara, buying her extravagant presents and writing her letters in her absence.

Miss Minchin

A needlessly cruel headmistress at Sara's school, Miss Minchin dislikes Sara but originally treats her well because of her student's wealth. Once Sara's fortunes change, however, Miss Minchin tries her hardest to harm and humiliate her. Once Sara is again a wealthy and high-status person, Miss Minchin first tries to benefit from her newfound proximity to wealth, and then quietly resents her former student.

Ermengarde

Sara's first friend at Miss Minchin's school. She is often laughed at because of her inability to learn French and befriends Sara after Sara shows kindness to her in spite of her academic failures. Though Ermengarde lacks self-esteem, she is immensely loyal, and does her best to help Sara when she is in need.

Lottie

The youngest student at Miss Minchin's academy, and is extremely spoiled. As a result, she is given to tantrums, which makes her unpopular with both students and teachers. Sara takes Lottie under her wing, promising to act as the child's adoptive mother, especially since both girls are motherless.

Lavinia

The oldest student at Miss Minchin's, and has a judgmental, domineering personality. She dislikes Sara, since she resents Sara's wealth and popularity.

Jesse

The second oldest student. She is friends with Lavinia and tends to follow her lead. She dislikes Sara Crewe and seeks Lavinia's approval.

Mr. Carrisford

Captain Crewe's close friend and business partner. Though a very wealthy diamond mine operator, he feels immense guilt for the death of his friend Crewe and as such seeks out his lost daughter, Sara, to alleviate this guilt.

Lascar

Mr. Carrisford's servant. He takes an interest in Sara and comes up with a plan to surprise her by leaving presents in her attic bedroom.