



List of Characters

The Carls

Edward Kenneth Carl (Eddie)

Thomas Gene Carl, Eddie's older brother

May Cather Carl (Mom), their mother

Wynton Carl (Dad), their father

Lucy Carl, mother of Wyn ("Ma" to Wyn and May, "Gramma" to Eddie and Tom)

Rob Carl, father of Wyn ("Pa" to Wyn, Rob to May, "Grampa" to Eddie and Tom)

Callista Carl, Wyn's older sister, died as a toddler

Other Characters (alphabetically)

Agnes Strother, receptionist/secretary at Hindemans Insurance, sister of Laura

Beauty, Grampa Rob's horse

Big Buss Burton, runs Burton's feed store, father of Little Buss

Bitsy, Eddie's baby fox

Bucky Barnes, Eddie's schoolmate

Charles Darney, mechanic, widower (husband of Annylee), father of Curtis Ray

Clara Stubee, works at movie theater ticket booth

Curtis Ray Darney, Thomas's friend, son of Charles and Annylee

Cyrus LeBeau, mailman, father of Pauline

Dale and Fern Dawson, neighbors to the Carls, parents of eleven kids, including Stinky

Dale, Thomas's Air Corps buddy

Deylon Reeve, schoolmate of Thomas

Dora Gump, owns dress and hat shop, mother of Shirlynn (Sarah's friend)

Dr. Gordon

Dulcie Thompson, Eddie's schoolmate, daughter of Effie

Effie Thompson, town busybody, works at Woolworth's, mother of Dulcie

Feisty, one of the Strothers' cats

Gabe Rennart, Thomas's friend, son of Janie Simms Rennart and Jack Rennart

Hank Gillum, barber

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Hettie, the Carls' horse

Howie Putnam, Eddie's schoolmate, son of Myrtle

Jack Rennart, neighboring farmer, husband of Janie (May's friend), father of four sons, including Gabe

Janie Simms Rennart, May's childhood friend, wife of Jack, mother of Gabe and three other sons
Jerome Meister, police sergeant

Jozef Mirga, Polish gypsy, blacksmith (wife Aniela, son Antoni)

Lem and Laura Strother, neighbors of the Carls, parents of Leo

Leo Strother ("Leonora DuPrette"), in his twenties, lives in Chicago, son of Lem and Laura

Little Buss Burton, Eddie's schoolmate, bully, son of Big Buss

Maisie Edson, Eddie's schoolmate

Mary Dell, first and second grade teacher at Hessing Elementary

Merle Stanton, town meeting leader, church man

Miss Fenton, town librarian

Mr. Atwood, fourth and fifth grade teacher at Hessing

Myrtle Putnam, mother of Howie, widow, works at the bank and rents out rooms

Ned Wilkie, childhood friend of Wyn, husband of Marla, father of baby who died in 1922

Oscar Keal, farmer, father of Stump

Pat, schoolbus driver for 40 years

Stanley (Stump) Keal, Eddie's schoolmate, bully, son of Oscar

Pauline LeBeau, Thomas's classmate, girlfriend

Reverend James

Ring, Carl's hunting dog

Royces, run the orchard, have twins

Royce twins, recite at church social

Sarah Mulberry, Eddie's childhood friend

Sheriff Graham

Sylvester Dean "Stinky" Dawson, Eddie's friend, neighbor

Walter and Lila Fairgate, run the grain elevator