

Character profiles

Thomas Brown: 12 years old, male, working class, lives in London. He is hard-working and spry, seeking to learn the trade of chimney sweeping to support his family.

Arthur Hughes: 25 years old, male, middle class, educated, from Worcester. Arthur has a strong grasp of written communication and record-keeping. He enjoys reading about law.

Emily Thompson: 12 years old, female, working class, from London. Helpful and efficient, Emily is seeking employment as a housemaid to help her father support the family.

Elizabeth Chen: 30 years old, female of Chinese descent, living in London. Elizabeth is an educated, middle class woman with knowledge of French and music. She has volunteered at a Ragged School for poorer children before.

Anne O'Connor: 28 years old, female, working class, from Worcester. She learned to cut, sew and make gloves from her mother. She is encouraged by her mother to seek a job that will help her improve her skills and make her more independent.

Fatima Patel: 32 years old, female, working class, originally from India, living in Worcester with her sisters. An experienced seamstress with a talent for fine stitching and alterations, she is seeking steady employment to support her siblings.

Henry Johnson: 23 years old, male, working class, from London. Henry loves bakeries. He wants to develop new recipes and is very good at cleaning.

Emanuel Jones: 19 years old, male, working class, from Worcester. Emanuel has extensive experience in navigating canals and maintaining boats. He is seeking to further his career in the boating industry and support his newlywed wife.