

Spelling list: Characters in Atonement

Atonement by Ian McEwan is a novel set in the early 20th century. Briony Tallis, a young aspiring writer, falsely accuses Robbie Turner, a housekeeper's son, of a crime. The consequences of her actions reverberate throughout their lives and the lives of those around them. The novel explores themes of guilt, love, and the power of storytelling, ultimately challenging the boundaries of truth and forgiveness.

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| Briony | Briony Tallis is a young aspiring writer whose actions have far-reaching consequences for her family. |
| Cecilia | Cecilia Tallis falls in love with Robbie and faces societal expectations. |
| Robbie | Robbie Turner is the son of the Tallis family's housekeeper and his life is upended by false accusations. |
| Leon | Leon Tallis, Briony and Cecilia's older brother, returns home and sets the events of the novel in motion. |
| Emily | Emily Tallis is Briony, Cecilia, and Leon's mother. |
| Jack | Jack Tallis is Briony, Cecilia, and Leon's father. |
| Lola | Lola Quincey is Briony's cousin and the victim of a crime for which Robbie is falsely accused. |
| Pierrot | Pierrot and Jackson are Lola's younger brothers. |
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| Paul | Paul Marshall is Leon's wealthy friend. |
| Grace | Grace Turner is Robbie's mother and the Tallis family's housekeeper. |
| Betty | Betty is the Tallis family's cook. |
| Hardman | Hardman is a servant in the Tallis family home. |
| Danny | Danny Hardman is Hardman's son and who Cecilia and Robbie believe is actually responsible for the crime. |
| Nettle | Corporal Nettle and Corporal Mace travel to Dunkirk with Robbie. |

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Fiona **Fiona** is Bryony's friend when she is training as a nurse.

Drummond Sister **Drummond** is Bryony's supervisor at the hospital.