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# Emma

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## THE CHARACTERS

### Emma Woodhouse

Emma is beautiful, clever and rich. Does she truly understand other people's hearts? Does she even understand her own?

### Mr Woodhouse

Emma's frail father is afraid of wedding cake and afraid of change. Does he really have anything to fear?

### Harriet Smith

Harriet is seventeen, pretty, and easily led. Will her friendship with Emma bring her happiness? How many men can a girl love in one year?

### Mr Elton

The gallant Mr Elton seems keen to marry. Can Emma find him the right wife?

### Mr Knightley

Emma's friend and neighbour is a perfect gentleman. Can he undo the damage caused by her father's indulgence? Can he escape her matchmaking schemes?

### Jane Fairfax

Jane Fairfax is beautiful, talented and honest. Or is she? Why doesn't Emma like her? Is her reserved nature hiding a secret?

### Frank Churchill

Frank is a lively young gentleman whom Emma quickly likes. Why doesn't Mr Knightley like him? Does he really travel to London just for a haircut?