

Foer, Jonathan Safran: *1977

Everything Is Illuminated, 2002 – Characters

Main Characters

Jonathan Safran Foer: A young Jewish–American writer traveling to Ukraine in search of his grandfather's past.

Alex Perchov: Jonathan's Ukrainian guide and translator.

Grandfather (Alexander Perchov): Alex's grandfather, who pretends to be blind.

Sammy Davis Jr. Jr.: Grandfather's seeing-eye dog.

Historical/Secondary Characters

Lista: An elderly woman believed to be Augustine at first. She is the last survivor of Trachimbrod.

Augustine: The mysterious woman who saved Jonathan's grandfather during the Holocaust.

Trachimbrod Characters (Historical Narrative)

Brod: Jonathan's distant ancestor, found as a baby in the Brod River.

Yankel: Brod's adoptive father.

Safran: Jonathan's grandfather.

The Gypsy Girl: Safran's lover before his marriage.