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A Thousand Splendid Suns, 2007 – Characters

Mariam – The illegitimate daughter of the wealthy businessman Jalil.

Laila – A bright young woman who falls in love with Tariq.

Rasheed – Mariam's abusive husband who later takes Laila as his second wife.

Tariq – Laila's childhood friend and lover who is forced to flee to Pakistan.

Jalil – Mariam's wealthy father.

Nana – Mariam's bitter mother.