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The Secret Life of Bees, 2002 – Characters

Lily Owens – The 14-year-old white protagonist and narrator.

Rosaleen Daise – Lily's fierce-hearted, proud, and outspoken black nanny who is a surrogate mother.

August Boatwright – The warm, maternal leader of the three beekeeping sisters who take in Lily and Rosaleen.

June Boatwright – August's protective and initially hostile younger sister.

May Boatwright – The youngest, trauma-haunted Boatwright sister.

Zach Taylor – A young black man who works on the Boatwright farm.

T. Ray Owens – Lily's cold, abusive father.