

Morrison, Toni: 1931 – 2019

The Bluest Eye, 1970 – Characters

Pecola Breedlove: The central figure, a young Black girl who yearns for blue eyes, believing they would make her beautiful and loved.

Claudia MacTeer: The primary narrator for parts of the story. She's fiercely protective of Pecola and offers a grounded, rebellious perspective.

Frieda MacTeer: Claudia's older sister, a bit more cautious but equally spirited.

Cholly Breedlove: Pecola's father, a deeply flawed and broken man.

Pauline (Polly) Breedlove: Pecola's mother.

Sammy Breedlove: Pecola's older brother.

Mrs. MacTeer: Claudia and Frieda's mother.

Mr. Henry (Henry Washington): A boarder in the MacTeer home.

Soaphead Church (Elihue Micah Whitcomb): A fraudulent "spiritual healer" Pecola turns to in her desperation for blue eyes.

Geraldine: A light-skinned Black woman.

Junior: Geraldine's spoiled son.

Maureen Peal: A light-skinned, affluent girl at school.

The Fisher Girl: The daughter of the white family Pauline serves.