

Sillitoe, Alan: 1928 – 2010

The Loneliness of the Long-Distance Runner, 1959 – Characters

Colin Smith: The protagonist, a rebellious teenager from a working-class background.

The Governor: The head of the Borstal, who sees Colin's running talent as a way to bring prestige to the institution.

Colin's Father: Deceased before the events of the story.

Colin's Mother: Struggles with the family's poverty and Colin's rebellious nature.