

Character Descriptions for O Beautiful

NOTE: Some doubling or tripling of roles may occur.

PRINCIPAL ROLES

Alice Fletcher (F) - a typical high school girl who has become pregnant after a sexual assault and is considering having an abortion.

Jesus (M) - Yes, the “Jesus.” A compassionate man who listens to the characters that need him the most, but also becomes whatever people need him to be.

Ty Janaleris (M) - An African American high school social studies teacher. He is passionate about his subject matter and cares deeply for his students, and receives pushback from the administration about his teaching methods and philosophy.

Erik Waters (M) - Luke’s friend. Also bullies Lennie.

Luke Simpson (M) - A brash teenage bully who says what he thinks. Dating Gwen, but sexually assaulted Alice and got her pregnant.

Lennie Ryan (M) - A smart, but shy teenager. Lennie becomes the victim of bullying from Erik, Luke, and Gwen. Eventually commits suicide because of the bullying he faces.

Gwen Turner (F) - a “mean girl” teenager. Dating Luke and is possessive of him. Also bullies Lennie.

SUPPORTING ROLES

Simon West (M) - A conservative T.V. pundit who is a mix of Alex Jones, Glenn Beck, and Sean Hannity all rolled into one. Interviews several prominent historical American figures on his show.

Linda Ryan (F) - A warm and caring mother who dotes on her son. Tries to find answers and has a crisis of faith after her son commits suicide.

Brian Ryan (M) - Lennie’s father and Linda’s husband. A staunch conservative who brings home a gun despite his wife’s wishes. Leaves out and unlocked the gun that his son uses to kill himself.

Patrick Henry (M) - The historical American figure who appears as a guest on Simon West’s show.

Mrs. Loomis (F) - A school administrator who does not want to rock the boat and is concerned about parental backlash. Clashes with Ty over what he should be teaching.

Marcia Turner (F) - Gwen's mom...typical conservative suburbanite mom.

Brenda Waters (F) - Erik's mom...typical conservative suburbanite mom.

Arlene Fletcher (F) - Alice's mom...a devout Christian, but is very compassionate towards others.

Joe Simpson (M) - Luke's dad. Gun-loving conservative. Becomes extremely defensive and accusatory when his son is accused of sexual assault.

Don Fletcher (M) - Alice's dad. Gun-loving conservative. Devout Christian. Very much anti-abortion.

FEATURED ROLES

Sondra Janaleris (F) - Ty's younger sister. Shares his politics, but worries about him keeping his job. African American.

Thomas Jefferson (M) - Historical American figure who appears on The Simon West Show.

Minister (M)

Saint Paul (M) - The "Saint Paul."

Saint Ambrose (M) - Another saint. A messenger.

Joan of Arc (F) - Historical figure that goes around berating people in French.

John Adams (M) - Historical figure that appears on The Simon West Show.

Benjamin Franklin (M) - Historical figure that appears on The Simon West Show.

Alexander Hamilton (M) - Historical figure that appears to Lennie after he commits suicide.

Saint Ambrose (M/F) - A heavenly messenger.

Production Assistant (M/F) - A PA on The Simon West Show.