

Mike: white, about fifty

Handsome, successful fertility doctor. Married to Kate, with daughter Ally. Grew up in Southie, dated in Margie in high school. Hesitant to confront the past.

Kate: African American, early thirties

Literature professor at Boston University. Married to Mike. Pleasant, well educated, beautiful, elegant. Marriage close to crisis.

Stevie: late twenties

Margie's boss at the dollar store. Affable, but in a tough position. Margie was friends with his mother when Stevie was a boy.

Dottie: mid-sixties

Margie's landlord. Helps watch Margie's daughter so Margie can go to work. Often late and not terribly dependable, Dottie spends nights making crafts. She has a caring side.

Jean: about fifty

Margie's longtime friend. Biting sense of humor, and a little rough around the edges.