

A Drop of Hope

Character List

Main Characters and their Families

Ernest Wilmette – a rich kid from the North Side whose family owns a town factory

- Grandpa Eddie, Ernest’s grandfather who recently passed away
- Robert, also known as “Rollo,” Ernest’s great uncle
- Mr. and Mrs. Wilmette, Ernest’s parents

Ryan Hardy – a quiet kid from the South Side whose family struggles a bit in the story

- Mr. and Mrs. Hardy, Ryan’s parents
- Declan, Ryan’s baby brother

Lizzy MacComber – a kid from the South Side who is known for being super smart

- Mrs. MacComber, Lizzy’s mother
- Aunt Patty, Mrs. MacComber’s sister and Lizzy’s aunt
- Chelsea and Amber, Lizzy’s cousins

Characters from Rod Sterling Middle School

Mr. Earle – Ernest, Ryan, and Lizzy’s homeroom (and favorite) teacher

The Class

- Winston Patil – a new student to Cliffs Donnelly
- Tommy Bricks – the class bully
- Aaron Robinette – a true Bigfoot believer
- Jamie Dahl – Aaron’s “best friend” and a skeptic
- Josh Redigger – a student needing “his space” for right now
- Paige Barnett – a student who makes a wish for her brother, Seth

Other Adults

- Ms. Hackwell – a middle school science teacher
- Truman the Custodian – maintenance worker

Important Characters from Cliffs Donnelly

Mrs. Haemmerle – elderly neighbor of Ryan Hardy

Mr. Hought – old friend of Mrs. Haemmerle, Grandpa Eddie, and Rollo

Stanley Donan – a retired police detective from the town

Mr. and Mrs. Bricks – Tommy’s parents who have a bad reputation in town

Wade and Sam Bricks – Tommy’s brothers who also have a bad reputation in town

Jenny Davenport – a high school student who works in the library

Buddy, Heather, Drake, and Margo – teenagers who hang out in the Nature Preserve near Thompkin’s Well

Chad Finnegan – former Marine and friend of Josh’s brother, Matt Redigger

Andrea Chase – a reporter who comes to cover the Holyoke Red Diamond story