



Stanley's Story

Stanley Yelnats IV

Holes follows the story of Stanley, an overweight boy who gets bullied at school. Stanley is arrested for stealing a pair of trainers and sent to Camp Green Lake, a juvenile correctional facility, where he must dig a hole every day.

Mrs Yelnats

Stanley's mother. She does not believe in curses.

Mr Yelnats (Stanley Yelnats III)

Stanley's father. He is trying to invent a cure for foot odour and blames his bad luck on the family curse.

Stanley's grandfather (Stanley Yelnats II)

He shares a room with Stanley IV. He believes the family have bad luck and blames his no-good-dirty-rotten-pig-stealing grandfather for landing the family with a curse.

Clyde Livingston

A famous baseball player who donated his shoes (the ones Stanley was blamed for stealing) to a homeless shelter. He testifies against Stanley in court (NB: this does not happen in the stage production).

Camp Green Lake

Zero

A quiet boy who the others think is stupid, including the counsellors, because he does not speak to them. He is very smart but cannot read. Zero is the great-great-great-grandson of Madame Zeroni, the woman who put a curse on Stanley's family.

X-Ray

The leader of the gang in D tent, although he is not the biggest. Stanley must stay on his good side.

Squid, Magnet, Armpit, Zigzag

The other boys in D tent at Camp Green Lake. They follow X-Ray's directions and isolate Stanley when he arrives, before welcoming him into their gang as 'Caveman'.

Warden Walker

Owns Camp Green Lake. She is the granddaughter of Charles 'Trout' Walker, who made her dig for treasure throughout her childhood. She opened the camp to continue this tradition.

Mr. Sir

Camp Green Lake counsellor. He likes to be feared by the boys in the camp.

Mr. Pendanski

Camp Green Lake counsellor. He likes to act like a friend and mentor for the boys, calling them by their real names rather than their camp nicknames. However, he joins in the boys' taunts of Zero.

Kate's Story

Kate Barlow

A respected schoolteacher. Kate kisses Sam (who is black) and causes uproar in the town. After the murder of Sam, she kills the sheriff and becomes the outlaw 'Kissin' Kate Barlow', robbing and kissing those who she kills.

Sam

A black man in the town who trades products he has created from onions. He fixes problems in Kate's schoolhouse, and is murdered for kissing her.

Charles 'Trout' Walker

Owns Green Lake town and is very rich. Nobody ever refuses his requests, so he is out for revenge when Kate refuses to come on his boat. He leads the rioters who burn down Kate's schoolhouse.

Linda Walker

One of Kate's ex-pupils who marries Charles for his money.

The Sheriff

Corrupt law-enforcement in Green Lake. He has Sam murdered for kissing Kate, and tries to take advantage of her, before she murders him.

Stanley Yelnats I

Our Stanley's great-grandfather. He is robbed by Kissin' Kate Barlow and left to fend for himself in the desert. He is said to find refuge on 'God's Thumb'.

Elya's Story

Elya Yelnats

Stanley's great-great-grandfather. Elya is cursed by Madame Zeroni because he does not carry her up the mountain to drink from the stream after taking her advice. He is said to be the cause of the bad luck which the Yelnats family find themselves in.

Madame Zeroni

A gypsy woman who gives advice to Elya. When he does not fulfil his promise, she curses his family.

Myra Menke

The girl Elya hopes to marry. He follows Madame Zeroni's advice but soon realises that Myra does not love him in return when she cannot decide between two men.

