

Aw, Tash: *1971

Strangers on a Pier, 2021 – Characters

The book does not feature fictional characters but instead revolves around real individuals from Aw's life:

Tash Aw himself: The narrator and central figure.

Aw's grandfathers: Both made perilous journeys from southern China to the Malay Peninsula in the 1920.

Aw's parents: His father is depicted as reserved and pragmatic, while his mother shares fragmented anecdotes about the family's past.

Aw's maternal grandmother: The second half of the memoir is addressed to her.