

Chevalier, Tracy: *1962

Girl with a Pearl Earring, 1999 – Characters

Grit

Grit is the protagonist, a 16-year-old Protestant girl who becomes a maid in the household of painter Johannes Vermeer.

Johannes Vermeer

Vermeer is a talented but enigmatic Catholic painter.

Catharina Bolnes Vermeer

Catharina is Vermeer's wife.

Maria Thins

Maria Thins is Catharina's pragmatic mother who manages the household finances.

Pieter (the butcher's son)

Pieter is Griet's suitor who persistently courts her despite her initial reluctance.

Pieter van Ruijven

Van Ruijven is Vermeer's wealthy but lecherous patron.

Cornelia

Cornelia is one of Vermeer and Catharina's daughters who dislikes Griet.

Frans

Frans is Griet's brother who works as an apprentice.