

Grisham, John: *1955

A Painted House, 2001 – Characters

Luke Chandler

The seven-year-old protagonist and narrator of the story.

Eli “Pappy” Chandler

Luke’s grandfather and the patriarch of the family.

Ruth “Gran” Chandler

Luke’s wise and devout grandmother.

Jesse Chandler

Luke’s father, a World War II veteran.

Kathleen Chandler

Luke’s mother.

Ricky Chandler

Luke’s nineteen-year-old uncle.

Hank Spruill

A violent and intimidating member of the Spruills.

Tally Spruill

A beautiful seventeen-year-old girl who captivates Luke with her charm.

Trot Spruill

A physically and mentally disabled boy who helps paint the Chandlers’ house.

Bow and Dale Spruill

Minor characters who assist with cotton picking.

Cowboy

A Mexican worker on the farm.

Libby Latcher

A fifteen-year-old girl from a poor family.

The Latcher Family

A poor sharecropping family looked down upon by others in town.

Miguel

The leader of the Mexican workers.

Pearl and Pop Watson

Owners of the town market who allow customers to buy on credit.