

Hurston, Zora Neale: 1891–1960

Their Eyes Were Watching God, 1937 – Characters

Main Characters

Janie Mae Crawford: The protagonist and narrator of the novel.

Nanny Crawford: Janie's grandmother, who raises her.

Logan Killicks: Janie's first husband.

Joe "Jody" Starks: Janie's ambitious second husband.

Vergible "Tea Cake" Woods: Janie's third husband and true love.

Supporting Characters

Pheoby Watson: Janie's best friend.

Leafy Crawford: Janie's mother, who abandoned her after giving birth.

Mrs. Turner: A neighbor who idolizes whiteness.

Hezekiah Potts: A loyal employee at Jody's store.

Minor Characters

Annie Tyler: A wealthy widow.

Motor Boat: A friend of Tea Cake who flees with them during the hurricane.

Nunkie: A young woman who flirts with Tea Cake.