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## **The Invention of Wings, 2014 – Characters**

### **Sarah Moore Grimké**

A central character inspired by the real-life abolitionist and feminist Sarah Grimké.

### **Hetty "Handful" Grimké**

A fictional enslaved girl given to Sarah as a handmaid on her 11th birthday.

### **Charlotte Grimké**

Handful's mother, also enslaved by the Grimké family.

### **Nina (Angelina) Grimké**

Sarah's younger sister, inspired by the real-life Angelina Grimké.

### **Mrs. Mary Grimké**

Sarah and Nina's mother, a strict and traditional Southern matriarch.

### **John Grimké**

Sarah's father, a judge.

### **Thomas Grimké**

Sarah's older brother.

### **Denmark Vesey**

A historical figure who appears in the novel as a free Black carpenter and revolutionary.

### **Mauma**

A term Handful uses for Charlotte, meaning "mother."

### **Goodis**

An enslaved man on the Grimké plantation who befriends Handful.