

## Lessing, Doris: 1919 – 2013

### Ben, in the World, 2000 – Characters

**Ben Lovatt** – The protagonist of the novel, Ben is an unusual and misunderstood character. He is physically different and mentally impaired.

**Mrs. Biggs** – A kind-hearted woman who takes Ben in and tries to help him.

**Rita** – A compassionate prostitute who befriends Ben.

**Teresa and Johnston** – A couple who exploit Ben for their own gain.

**Alex** – A scientist who becomes interested in studying Ben.

**James** – A businessman who attempts to use Ben for his own commercial purposes.