

## Lessing, Doris: 1919 – 2013

### The Grandmothers, 2003 – Characters

#### **The Grandmothers**

**Roz** – One of the grandmothers, a strong, independent woman.

**Lil**: Roz's best friend.

**Ian**: Lil's son who has an affair with Roz.

**Tom**: Roz's son who has an affair with Lil.

**Mary**: Ian's wife.

#### **Victoria and the Staveney**

**Victoria** – A young black woman.

**Thomas Staveney** – A liberal white man who has a brief affair with Victoria.

**Edward Staveney** – Thomas's brother.

**David** – Victoria's son.

**Ann Staveney** – Thomas's mother.

#### **The Reason for It**

**The Leader** – A nameless, wise leader.

**The Chronicler** – A narrator who records the story.

**Rulers** – Successors of the wise leader.

#### **A Love Child**

**James** – A British soldier.

**Daphne** – The woman with whom James has an affair.

**Ben** – The child born from James and Daphne's affair.