

Paton, Alan: 1903–1988

Cry, the Beloved Country, 1948 – Characters

Stephen Kumalo: A Zulu priest and the novel's protagonist.

Absalom Kumalo: Stephen's son.

Gertrude Kumalo: Stephen's younger sister.

James Jarvis: A wealthy white landowner whose son, Arthur, is murdered by Absalom.

Arthur Jarvis: James's son, an engineer and outspoken advocate for racial equality.

Theophilus Msimangu: A priest in Johannesburg.

John Kumalo: Stephen's brother.

Mrs. Lithebe: A kind, Christian woman in Johannesburg who provides lodging for Stephen and others.

Absalom's Girl: A young woman pregnant with Absalom's child.

Mr. Carmichael: Absalom's lawyer.

