

## Plath, Sylvia: 1932–1963

### The Bell Jar, 1963 – Characters

**Esther Greenwood:** The main character and narrator, a young woman from a modest background.

**Buddy Willard:** Esther's college boyfriend.

**Doreen:** A fellow intern at the magazine, bold and rebellious.

**Joan Gilling:** A former acquaintance from college.

**Mrs. Greenwood:** Esther's mother.

**Doctor Nolan:** Esther's psychiatrist at the private hospital.

**Jay Cee:** The editor at the fashion magazine where Esther interns.

**Marco:** A Peruvian man Esther meets at a party, charming yet sinister.

**Constantin:** A translator Esther goes on a date with in New York.

**Philomena Guinea:** A wealthy novelist and Esther's benefactor.