

Shange, Ntozake: 1948–2017

Betsey Brown, 1985 – Characters

Betsey Brown: The protagonist, a spirited and intelligent 13-year-old girl.

Jane Brown: Betsey's mother, a social worker.

Greer Brown: Betsey's father, a physician.

Vida: Betsey's grandmother.

Margot Brown: Betsey's younger sister.

Sharon Brown: Another of Betsey's younger sisters.

Allard Brown: The youngest sibling and only boy.

Charlie: Betsey's cousin, who lives with the family.

Eugene Boyd: An older high school basketball player and Betsey's first crush.

Bernice Calhoun: The first of several housekeepers hired by the Browns.

Carrie: The third and most successful housekeeper.