

Wilde, Oscar: 1854–1900

The Importance of Being Earnest, 1895 – Characters

John "Jack" Worthing (Ernest) – The protagonist, a young gentleman who leads a double life.

Algernon Moncrieff – Jack's witty and mischievous friend, a charming bachelor.

Gwendolen Fairfax – The sophisticated and determined daughter of Lady Bracknell, who is in love with Jack (whom she knows as Ernest).

Cecily Cardew – Jack's young and imaginative ward, who lives in the country.

Lady Bracknell – Gwendolen's domineering and aristocratic mother.

Miss Prism – Cecily's governess.

Rev. Canon Chasuble – A mild-mannered clergyman.

Lane – Algernon's butler.

Merriman – Jack's butler at his country estate.