

As You Like It Characters

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Here, we will discuss the characters in two ways: major characters and minor characters.

Major Characters

Rosalind:

(Heroine & Protagonist) Daughter of Duke Senior and Beloved of Orlando, Disguised name *Ganymede*.

Orlando: (Hero) Lover of Rosalind, Son of Sir Rowland de Boys, Brother of Oliver and Jaques de Boys.

Oliver: (1st Half Antagonist) Eldest son of Sir Rowland de Boys, brother of Orlando and Jaques de Boys, Cruel and Lover of Celia.

Celia: Frederick's daughter, Rosalind's closest friend, and Cousin, Beloved of Oliver, Disguised name *Aliena*.

Duke Senior: Rosalind's father, the original ruler, exiled to the Forest of Arden, Elder brother of Duke Frederick.

Duke Frederick: (Main Antagonist) Younger brother of Duke Senior, father of Celia, and Current Duke, becomes a religious person at the end.

Jaques, a melancholic Lord of Duke Senior in the Forest of Arden, presents the famous line: "All the world's a stage. And all the men and women merely players." This line suggests the seven stages of a human being's life.

Minor Characters

Touchstone: Clown of Duke Frederick's court. Lover of Audrey.

Audrey: Beloved of Touchstone, Country Girl, simple and over-trusted.

William: A country fellow. He's a simple, honest guy who loves Audrey

Silvius: He is a village shepherd. He falls in love with Phoebe.

Phoebe: Phoebe is a shepherdess who falls in love with Ganymede (actually Rosalind in disguise). She is Self-centered. Beloved of Silvius.

Lord Amiens: Musical Talent, Compassionate, Loyal to Duke Senior.

Charles: A professional wrestler. He is aggressive, brutal, and an antagonist.

Sir Rowland de Boys: Father of Oliver, Orlando, and Jaques de Boys. Reputed Nobleman, Virtuous, and Honorable.

Jaques de Boys: The middle brother of Orlando and Oliver, informs Duke Senior about Duke Frederick's religious life.

Corin: A simple and kind old shepherd. Humble, Simple, Content, Wise, Loyal, Kind, Observant, Realistic, Symbol of the Natural World.