

Death of A Salesman Characters

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Major Characters:

- **Willy Loman: (Protagonist / Tragic Hero)** Willy Loman is an Unsuccessful / Ambitious Father. He is sixty-three years old. He works as a traveling salesman for Wagner Company. He has worked there for thirty-six years. He gets no fixed salary now. He earns only small commissions. His income cannot support his family. Willy believes in the American Dream. He thinks charm brings success. But he fails again and again. He is the main character and tragic hero.
- **Linda Loman: (Good / Loyal Wife)** Linda is Willy's caring wife. She always supports her husband. She is kind, patient, and faithful. She tries to keep the peace at home. She worries about Willy's health. She is the heart of the family.
- **Biff Loman: (Good but Unsuccessful Son)** Biff is thirty-four years old. He is Willy's elder son. Once he was a football star. He failed math and left school. He has no steady job. He moves from place to place. He loves honesty and a simple life. He lost faith after finding Willy's affair. He feels his father ruined his dream.
- **Happy Loman: (Bad and Unsuccessful Son)** Happy is thirty-two years old. He is Willy's younger son. He has a car, job, and apartment. But he feels lonely and empty. He lies to impress others. He loves women too much. He chases money and pleasure only.
- **Charley: (Good and Successful Friend)** Charley is Willy's neighbor. He is a successful businessman. He owns his own company. He helps Willy with money. He even offers him a job. But Willy's pride stops him. Up to the bottom, Charley is a kind and loyal person in the play.
- **Bernard: (Good and Successful)** Bernard is Charley's son. He was Biff's old classmate. He studied hard and became a lawyer. He is now a successful and respected man in society. He proves that hard work brings real success.

Minor Characters

- **Ben:** Ben is Willy's dead brother. He appears in Willy's dreams. He made fortune in Africa and Alaska. He stands for success and risk.

- **Dave Singleman:** Dave was a famous old salesman. Willy never met him in life. He died peacefully in a hotel. Hundreds came to his funeral. Willy wanted to be like him
- **Howard Wagner:** (Bad and Materialistic) Howard is Willy's young boss. He is the owner Wagner Company now. He is Frank Wagner's son. He fires Willy without pity. He only cares about money.
- **Frank Wagner:** (Materialistic) Frank was the father of Howard. He founded the Wagner Company. He respected Willy more than his son does.
- **Bill Oliver: (Bad and Cruel)** Bill is Biff's former boss. Biff asks him for a loan. Bill cannot even remember him. He refuses to help.
- **Jenny:** Jenny is Charley's office secretary. She is polite and hardworking.
- **Miss Forsythe:** A young prostitute at Frank's Chop House. She flirts with Happy and Biff.
- **Letta:** Another prostitute with Miss Forsythe. She joins them at the restaurant.
- **Stanley:** Stanley is a waiter at Frank's Chop House. He serves Willy and his sons. He feels sorry for Willy.
- **The Woman:** She is Willy's mistress from Boston. She once had an affair with him. Biff saw them together in Boston. That moment destroyed their relationship.