

EXPANDED CHARACTER NOTES

BARNEY NORTHRUP – A smarmy realtor who convinces most of the Westing heirs to move into Sunset Towers. He oozes charm like a snake-oil salesman.

OTIS AMBER – Sunset Towers' delivery "boy," often thought of as an idiot because of his silly jokes. He delivers mail, packages, and whatever else to the apartment building and environs on his bike.

GRACE WINDSOR WEXLER – A social climber and self-professed decorator. She is the mother of Turtle and Angela. She is unwittingly xenophobic, slightly neurotic and completely self-absorbed. She used to have a softer side but it's been a while since she's shown it.

ANGELA WEXLER – Oldest daughter of Grace; the perfect child, she is soft-spoken, very beautiful, and very good at bottling her anger.

TURTLE WEXLER – The youngest daughter of Grace; a plucky girl with a braid who kicks people's shins in "self-defense." Turtle is smart, aggressive, slightly neglected and a stock-market whiz.

SYDELLE PULASKI – Secretary to the president of Schultz Sausages. Sydelle is hungry for attention and admiration; she has no close friends.

MR. JAMES SHIN HOO – Doug's father and owner of Shin Hoo's Restaurant on the fifth floor of Sunset Towers. His restaurant is failing. He is a disgruntled inventor who is so tightly wound he has given himself an ulcer. A widower, his son's academic and financial success is supremely important to him.

DOUG HOO – Son of James Shin Hoo. Doug is a high-school track star with Olympic dreams, smart but not a scholar. He has a winning smile and an ability to make everyone like him.

FLORA MILLER BAUMBACH – She's a timid dress-maker whose daughter Rosalie died a year before the story begins. Flora always has a kind word for everyone and speaks softly so as not to inconvenience anyone. She smiles too much.

JUDGE J. J. FORD – A judge on the appellate court; she has a grudge against the Westing millionaire. She's tough, but fair—just what you'd expect a judge to be.

CHRIS THEODORAKIS – Younger brother of Theo; he suffers from a neurological disease that confines him to a wheelchair. He is also barely able to speak or control his body movements. He enjoys birdwatching and is lonely for company.

THEO THEODORAKIS – He is his brother's guardian. Theo wants to be a writer but has no time or money for study. He is a thoughtful, sensitive and sometimes angry young man.

BERTHE ERICA CROW – Sunset Towers' maid and a Good Salvation Soup Kitchen volunteer. She dresses exclusively in black as if in permanent mourning. Crow is obsessed with sin and its penalties.

D. DENTON DEERE – A medical intern engaged to Angela Wexler. He can be egotistical and has gone into plastic surgery for the money—not the love of medicine. But he is a good guy underneath...deep, deep underneath.

SANDY MCSOUTHERS – He is the doorman at Sunset Towers and is everyone's pal. He has a grudge against Westing and a large family to support.

PODCASTER – A no-nonsense news professional.

EDWARD PLUM – A very inexperienced lawyer who just passed the bar. He was hand selected by Westing as executor of the Westing will. He is competent but not very confident. He is alternately theatrical, hysterical and bumbling.

SAM WESTING – A corpse dressed like Uncle Sam.

DETECTIVE – A gruff fellow; hired to find out the skinny on the Westing heirs.

DR. SIDNEY SIKES – The personal physician, old friend and confidant of Sam Westing. He suffered a crushed leg from the car accident he was in with Westing and has a permanent limp. He was a witness to the Westing will.

JULIAN R. EASTMAN – Newly elected chairman and CEO of the Westing Paper Products Corporation. He takes control after the death of Sam Westing. He is well-manicured and impeccably dressed.