

# [Nella larsen "passing"](https://assignbuster.com/nella-larsen-passing/)

Nella Larsen" Passing" Passing - CharactersIrene - Brian
Clare - John (Jack)Passing - Plot OverviewIrene gets mail from Clare - flashback to last time:
Irene was visiting Chicago and saw Clare on top of fancy hotel (Irene is passing)
Clare calls Irene to hang w/her and Gertrude
Clare's husband John is very racist
Back to present:
Clare comes to Irene's house
Clare wants to join Irene at negro dance
Clare realizes colored people are great
Irene worries about John finding out Clare's passing
Irene tempted to tell John
Irene worried Clare & Brian having affair
Irene & Felise go DT, run into John
Claire, Irene, Brian go to Felise's party
-John storms in, calls Clare out
-Clare falls out window & diesWhat is passing? someone with AA ancestry that appears white and pretends to be soEugenicsthe belief and practice of improving the genetic quality of the human populationOne Drop Ruleif you have one drop of black blood, you are black. Nella Larsen - aboutwhite mother, danish west-indian father
could have passed herself, but didn't
pioneered " psychological fiction"
-heightened interest in all things psychological
-modernist moment
-" third person focalized" narrationClare vs. Irenegrew up together, took very diff paths
Irene wants us to believe Clare is selfish, cold, hard, catlike, manipulative, superior... but really Clare = Irene

Clare = race betrayer = Irene
Clare = selfish, manipulative = Irene
Clare = superior = Irene
Irene = " defender of race" NOT

Clare, Brian, IreneEvidence of an affair? Not really...
A theory of suppressed desire:
Irene wants Clare. Irene is passing in a different dimension. This repression animates her in the text - she kills Clare (probably) ONNELLA LARSEN " PASSING" SPECIFICALLY FOR YOUFOR ONLY$13. 90/PAGEOrder Now