

Flannery o'connor



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A Good Man is Hard to Find Characterthe grandmother

Bailey (son of ^ and father of fam)

the misfit

John Wesley & June Star

the mother

red sammy butts

bobby lee

hiramAGMIHTF crime bandthe misfit

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hiramAGMIHTF restaurant ownerred sammy buttsO'Connor Motifsmissing

father figure

violent means to get message across

action of (divine) grace

notion of displacement

racial tension

old vs. new south

religionChrist-Hauntedfearful of the wrath of GodChrist-Centeredacts good

out of the goodness of their heartsFlannery's stories are generally... catholic

and

southernAGMIHTF Summarygrandma goes with family in car on vacay

hides cat in car

wears fancy lady clothes

hears about criminal misfit

stops at restaurant

drives & says she wants to stop at a house (lies to kids says secret panel)

remembers wrong about house location

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cat jumps up & car crashes

misfit finds them & kills them Who did the Misfit kill first? his father Misfit

compares himself to... Jesus

bc his punishment also didn't fit the crime

if J didn't raise the dead, then why not kill everyone to spend time the misfit

says that there is pleasure but meanness The Life You Save May be Your Own

characters Tom Shiftlet (handyman w 1 arm)

old woman/mom- Lucynell Crater

daughter- Lucynell Crater (deaf & mute TLYSMBYO Summary Tom visits &

offers to do tasks around the house

mrs crater tries to get him to like her daughter/marry

sleeps in broken down car

teaches her to say bird

repairs car

crater gives him \$ & car to marry her daughter

they leave in the car

tom leaves her at a diner recurring symbol in all stories birds Tom can be

compared to... the misfit in AGMIHTF

same list of previous jobs

destructive stranger How is Tom like other Flannery characters? hypocrite-

says he has a moral intelligence but leaves Lucynell at the restaurant after

marry

Misfit- same previous jobs & was a stranger that ruined something

thinks of himself as Jesus yet denies his chance at redemption (marrying

Lucy)

hates the world Good Country People Characters Mrs. Hopewell (farm owner)

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Mr. & Mrs. Freeman

Joy Hopewell (daughter)

Manely Pointer (bible salesman) Joy Hopewell changes name to Hulga in

rebellion against mom

atheist

lost her leg in childhood accident= prosthetic

Ph. D in philosophy (v smart) GCP Summary Hopewell runs a farm in Georgia

bible salesman stops by & although they don't want bible, Mrs Hopewell

invites him over to dinner bc he is good country people

he invites Joy on a date

goes to barn loft

steals her prosthetic leg

reveals that he is also a better atheist How is Joy a Flannery character?

hypocrite- not actually an atheist-- "you are not God!"

she says she hates good country people but she makes out with Manely bc

she thinks he is & a christian Everything That Rises Must Converge

characters Julian- college grad, typewriter seller, wants to write, hates mom

Julian's Mother

Carver- 4yr old boy on bus

Carver's mom

black man- on bus

other white passengers on bus ETRMC Summary Julian takes the bus with his

mom to a weight loss class at the YMCA to reduce her blood pressure

she's really openly racist

Julian is embarrassed by his mom blatant racism

she talks with other racists on bus

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well dressed AA gets on

julian talks to him to spite mom

dreams biut forcing his mom to accept blacks

AA woman w kid gets on

mom thinks he's cute

gives him coin

mom hits her

falls/diesHow is Julian a Flannery character? spites his mom

arrogant/entitled- views self as martyr

racial tension

too smart

hypocrite in his hatred for mom-tries to save her& calls her sweetheart

old vs new southDifferent opinions on true culture? julian- it comes from the mind

mom- the heart

J is only non-racist to spite his mom while she honestly doesn't know any better

when the heart and mind mix physically= strokeThe Lame Shall Enter First charactersSheppard- father (atheist)

Norton- his son

Rufus Johnson- juvie kid (catholic)TLSEF Summarysheppard doesn't care about grief of son over mothers death

thinks of him as selfish

S invites johnson to live with him to help turn his life around bc he thinks he is smart/special

buys him a telescope

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J gets arrested

norton hangs self over telescope bc J told him the only way to see his mom

was through death How is Sheppard a Flannery character? hypocrite- says

wants to help people yet no his son

athiest

compares self to christ

rufus compares self to satan Revelation characters Ruby Turpin (wife)

Claud turpin (husband)

Mary Grace (crazy girl)

pleasant lady in waiting room R Summary Ruby feels above white trash &

black people bc she is hardworking and makes good decisions

R & husband go to doctors waiting room

starts talking to pleasant woman

mary grace through her book at Ruby and strangles her & calls her a hog

from hell

Ruby gets the message

goes home and washes off pigs

she has a vision of redeemed souls and people she considers worse than her

are at the top while she's at the bottom

all people are equal in gods eyes Parker's Back summary another athiest who

hates his christian wife

smokes & drinks & tatoos

flashback below

finds life purpose in tats

goes to Navy but is discharged

sells apples

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woman hits him (his wife)

end flashback

gets tat of christ after thinking about how he met his wife

begs wife to let him in but she hates the tattoo

beats him with a broom again ONFLANNERY O' CONNOR SPECIFICALLY FOR

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