ENGLAND

Willard household

Ned Willard  
Barney, his brother  
Alice, their mother  
Malcolm Fife, groom  
Janet Fife, housekeeper  
Eileen Fife, daughter of Malcolm and Janet

Fitzgerald household

Margery Fitzgerald  
Rollo, her brother  
Sir Reginald, their father  
Lady Jane, their mother  
Naomi, maid  
Sister Joan, Margery’s great-aunt

Shiring household

Bart, Viscount Shiring  
Swithin, his father, earl of Shiring  
Sal Brendon, housekeeper

The Puritans

Philbert Cobley, ship owner  
Dan Cobley, his son  
Ruth Cobley, Philbert’s daughter  
Donal Gloster, clerk  
Father Jeremiah, parson of St John’s in Loversfield  
Widow Pollard

Others

Friar Murdo, an itinerant preacher  
Susannah, Countess of Brecknock, friend of Margery & Ned Jonas Bacon, captain of the Hawk  
Jonathan Greenland, first mate aboard the Hawk   
Stephen Lincoln, a priest  
Rodney Tilbury, justice

Real historical people

Mary Tudor, queen of England  
Elizabeth Tudor, her half-sister, later queen  
Sir William Cecil, advisor to Elizabeth  
Robert Cecil, William’s son  
William Allen, leader of the exiled English Catholics  
Sir Francis Walsingham, spymaster

FRANCE

Palot family

Sylvie Palot  
Isabelle Palot, her mother  
Giles Palot, her father

Others

Pierre Aumande  
Viscount Villeneuve, fellow student of Pierre’s  
Father Moineau, Pierre’s tutor  
Nath, Pierre’s maid  
Guillaume of Geneva, itinerant pastor  
Louise, marchioness of Nîmes  
Luc Mauriac, cargo broker  
Aphrodite Beaulieu, daughter of the count of Beaulieu  
René Duboeuf, tailor  
Françoise Duboeuf, his young wife  
Marquis de Lagny, a Protestant aristocrat  
Bernard Housse, a young courtier  
Alison McKay, lady-in-waiting to Mary Queen of Scots

Fictional members of the Guise household

Gaston Le Pin, head of the household guard of the Guise family  
Brocard and Rasteau, two of Gaston’s thugs  
Veronique  
Odette, maid to Veronique   
Georges Biron, a spy

Real historical people: the Guise household

François, duke of Guise  
Henri, son of François  
Charles, cardinal  
Lorraine, brother of François

Real historical people: the Bourbons & their allies

Antoine, king of Navarre  
Henri, son of Antoine  
Louis, prince of Condé  
Gaspard de Coligny, admiral of France

Real historical people: others

Henri II, king of France  
Caterina de’ Medici, queen of France  
**Children of Henri and Caterina:**  
Francis II, king of France  
Charles IX, king of France  
Henri III, king of France  
Margot, queen of Navarre

Mary Stuart, queen of Scots  
Charles de Louviers, assassin

Real historical people

James Stuart, illegitimate half-brother of Mary Queen of Scots  
James Stuart, son of Mary Queen of Scots, later King James VI of Scotland nd King James I of England

SPAIN

Cruz family

Carlos Cruz  
Aunt Betsy

Ruiz family

Jerónima  
Pedro, her father

Others

Archdeacon Romero  
Father Alonso, inquisitor  
Captain “Ironhand” Gómez

NETHERLANDS

Wolman family

Jan Wolman, cousin of Edmund Willard  
Imke, his daughter

Willemsen family

Albert  
Betje, Albert’s wife  
Drike, their daughter  
Evi, Albert’s widowed sister  
Matthus, Evi’s son

Other nations

Ebrima Dabo, Mandinkan slave  
Bella, rum maker in Hispaniola