

Manservant and Maidservant (1947), by Ivy Compton-Burnett

Characters

The Lambs

Horace, master of the house

Charlotte, mistress of the house

Mortimer, Horace's cousin

Emilia, their aunt

Sarah, Jasper, Marcus, Tamasin, and Avery, the children

Bullivant, the butler

Mrs. Selden, the cook,

George, Bullivant's assistant

Miriam, Mrs. Selden's assistant

The Doubledays

Gideon, the children's tutor

Magdalen, his sister

Gertrude, their mother

Miss Buchanan, the storekeeper

Talk Points

Themes

Language (speaking, writing, reading)

Martyrdoms

Secrets

Betrayals

Loyalties

Class

Things

The blackbird (chapter 1)

The effigy (chapter 2)

The pudding (chapter 2)

The letter (chapter 5)

The bridge (chapter 9)

The knife (chapter 11)