

The Dry by Jane Harper

Aaron Falk - federal agent, returning to hometown

Luke Hadler - apparently killed wife and son, and took his own life

Karen Hadler - wife and murder victim, school bookkeeper

Billy Hadler- son and murder victim

Charlotte Hadler - daughter and untouched survivor

Gerry Hadler - Luke's father

Barb Hadler - Luke's mother

Gretchen Schoner- Luke's high school girlfriend

Lachie - Gretchen's son

Ellie Deacon - Aaron and Luke childhood friend and drowning victim

Mal Deacon - Ellie's father, declining health

Grant Dow - Ellie's cousin, living on the Deacon farm

Sergeant Greg Raco - police officer for the area

Rita Raco - wife and expectant mother

Barnes - temporary police officer

Deborah - receptionist for Raco

Jamie Sullivan - farmer and last to see Luke alive

Gran - Jamie's live-in grandmother

Dr. Leigh - first medic at the murder scene and Jamie's love interest

Scott Whitlam - school principal and Karen's employer

Sandra Whitlam - Scott's wife

Danielle Whitlam - Scott's daughter

David McMurdo - barman at The Fleece

Kiewarra -fictional drought-stricken community in regional Victoria, Australia, 5 hours from Melbourne

Clyde - nearby town whose police force handled the murder investigation