

Uncharted Trials Character List

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Book 2 in the Bounty Brothers Series

Main Characters

James McPherson

- **Role:** Hero, Bounty Brother, doctor's son
- **Background:** Former Civil War soldier turned bounty hunter with a reputation as a charmer and reformed rogue
- **Family:** Son of Dr. and Mrs. McPherson; father to Benjamin and Mary; husband to Victoria (deceased), later marries Madeline
- **Character Arc:** Learns to face consequences of past sins while fighting for true love
- **Key Traits:** Protective, charming, skilled fighter, medical knowledge, strong faith

Madeline Flynn

- **Role:** Heroine, former maid, survivor
 - **Background:** Irish maid who endured months of abuse by Thomas Belonge while protecting her deaf brother
 - **Family:** Sister to Danny Flynn; best friend to Claire; eventually marries James and becomes mother to Iris, Benjamin, and Mary
 - **Character Arc:** Journey from victim to survivor to beloved wife and mother; struggles with and rebuilds her faith
 - **Key Traits:** Brave, protective, resilient, skilled cook and seamstress, strong but shaken faith
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The Bounty Brothers

Brody Young

- **Role:** Leader of the Bounty Brothers, Claire's husband
- **Background:** Former Civil War captain, ranch co-owner
- **Family:** Married to Claire Belonge Young; adoptive father to Junior; son of Mr. and Mrs. Young
- **Key Traits:** Natural leader, protective, man of strong faith, strategic thinker

Tom

- **Role:** Bounty Brother, mysterious past
- **Background:** Quiet, deadly accurate shooter with a dark history
- **Family:** Owns Ajax (pet wolf)
- **Key Traits:** Silent, lethal, loyal, mysterious, excellent tracker
- **Note:** His full story will be revealed in Book 3

Phillip and Henry Sharpe

- **Role:** Twin brothers, Bounty Brothers
- **Background:** From Tennessee hills, expert trackers and hunters
- **Key Traits:** Phillip is the jokester; Henry is more serious; both are skilled marksmen and trackers

George and Walter

- **Role:** Bounty Brothers, close friends
 - **Background:** Joined Brody's unit together during the war
 - **Key Traits:** George is gentle giant with great strength; Walter is soft-spoken with hidden pain in his past
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Circle 7 Ranch Family

Claire Belonge Young

- **Role:** Madeline's best friend, Brody's wife
- **Background:** Wealthy heiress who fled her murderous uncle
- **Family:** Married to Brody; stepmother to Junior; sister to Lionel
- **Key Traits:** Loyal friend, loving wife, determined, faith-filled

Junior Young

- **Role:** Brody's adopted son
- **Background:** Six-year-old boy whose mother died
- **Key Traits:** Energetic, loving, wants a baby brother, bonds with Danny

Danny Flynn

- **Role:** Madeline's deaf brother
- **Background:** Nine-year-old deaf boy who communicates through sign language
- **Family:** Brother to Madeline; parents murdered by Thomas Belonge
- **Key Traits:** Intelligent, brave, mature beyond his years, sweet-toothed

Gramps

- **Role:** Ranch cook and telegraph operator
- **Background:** Elderly man with white hair who becomes grandfather figure
- **Key Traits:** Wise, protective, excellent cook, storyteller, surrogate grandfather

Mr. and Mrs. Young

- **Role:** Brody's parents
 - **Background:** Visit the ranch and become extended family
 - **Key Traits:** Loving, supportive, lost a daughter (Rose) years earlier
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Extended McPherson Family

Dr. McPherson

- **Role:** James's father, traveling doctor
- **Background:** Physician who serves the needy in the West
- **Family:** Married to Mrs. McPherson; father to James; grandfather to Benjamin, Mary, and Iris
- **Key Traits:** Skilled doctor, kind, supportive father

Mrs. McPherson

- **Role:** James's mother, doctor's nurse
- **Background:** Works alongside her husband providing medical care
- **Key Traits:** Elegant but down-to-earth, welcoming, supportive

Benjamin McPherson

- **Role:** James's ten-year-old son
 - **Background:** Son of James and Victoria; lived unstable life until reuniting with father
 - **Family:** Son to James and Victoria; half-brother to Mary; stepson to Madeline
 - **Key Traits:** Intelligent, mature, forgiving, good with horses and roping
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Antagonists

Thomas Belonge

- **Role:** Primary antagonist (deceased by story start)
- **Background:** Wealthy, cruel man who murdered the Flynn parents and abused Madeline
- **Family:** Uncle to Claire and Lionel; father to "King"
- **Key Traits:** Sadistic, controlling, murderous (dead before main story begins)

"King" (Thomas Belonge Jr.)

- **Role:** Main villain, Thomas's illegitimate son
- **Background:** Son of Thomas Belonge and a maid; seeks revenge and family
- **Key Traits:** Intelligent, ruthless, obsessed with family, delusional

Victoria Harding McPherson

- **Role:** Antagonist turned friend (deceased)
- **Background:** James's former lover who forced him into marriage; mother of Benjamin and Mary
- **Character Arc:** Transforms from bitter enemy to redeemed friend before dying in childbirth
- **Key Traits:** Initially bitter and vengeful, later shows vulnerability and finds faith

Jennings

- **Role:** Outlaw working for King (deceased)
 - **Background:** Attempted to kidnap Claire in Book 1
 - **Key Traits:** Unrepentant criminal, assassinated to prevent him from talking
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U.S. Marshals

Jesse Burns

- **Role:** Former Army Captain, U.S. Marshal, Madeline's protector
- **Background:** Once interested in Claire before she married Brody; proposes to Madeline
- **Character Arc:** Noble protector who steps aside for true love
- **Key Traits:** Honorable, protective, selfless, strong faith

David "Henny" Hendrix

- **Role:** U.S. Marshal, becomes like brother to Madeline
- **Background:** Orphaned young, worked as farm hand before becoming marshal
- **Key Traits:** Serious, protective, no family ties, loyal

Sawyer Smith

- **Role:** U.S. Marshal, jokester of the group
 - **Background:** Also becomes like brother to Madeline
 - **Key Traits:** Humorous, mischievous, has a sweet tooth, loyal
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Belonge Family

Lionel Belonge

- **Role:** Claire's brother, reformed man
- **Background:** Former gambler and drinker who found redemption
- **Family:** Married to Margaret; brother to Claire; adoptive father to Rebecca
- **Key Traits:** Reformed, successful businessman, protective brother

Margaret Belonge

- **Role:** Lionel's wife
 - **Background:** Kansas farm girl who married into wealth
 - **Key Traits:** Down-to-earth, pregnant during story, kind
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Supporting Characters

Pastor and Mrs. Kellinger

- **Role:** Gambel's new pastor and his wife
- **Background:** Bring stable religious leadership to the community
- **Family:** Parents to Bethany

Bethany Kellinger

- **Role:** Pastor's daughter
- **Background:** Sweet young woman who catches Tom's eye
- **Key Traits:** Kind, gentle, plays piano
- **Note:** Will be featured in Book 3

Allie

- **Role:** Boarding house owner, former brothel madam
- **Background:** Reformed woman who helps other women escape prostitution
- **Character Arc:** Marries Brian Yorke
- **Key Traits:** Strong, protective of women, maternal figure

Lena

- **Role:** Recovering saloon girl
- **Background:** Rescued by Claire and the Bounty Brothers
- **Key Traits:** Healing, seeking new life, catches George's interest

Brian Yorke

- **Role:** Builder, Allie's suitor
- **Background:** Sent to build house for Claire, fell in love with Allie
- **Key Traits:** Skilled builder, devoted to Allie

Sheriff Dozier

- **Role:** Local law enforcement
- **Background:** Honest lawman who works with the Bounty Brothers
- **Key Traits:** Just, reliable, haunted by past experience

Madame Isabelle

- **Role:** Brothel owner (deceased)
 - **Background:** Helped Madeline and Danny escape, murdered by King
 - **Key Traits:** Protective of women, found faith before death
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Children

Iris Mauve McPherson

- **Role:** Madeline and James's daughter
- **Background:** Born during climactic scene
- **Meaning of Name:** Hope, wisdom, faith, trust, and bravery
- **Family:** Daughter of Madeline and James; half-sister to Benjamin and Mary

Mary McPherson

- **Role:** Victoria and James's daughter
 - **Background:** Born after Victoria's death
 - **Family:** Daughter of Victoria and James; half-sister to Benjamin and Iris
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Minor Characters

Mrs. Wilmot

- **Role:** Town busybody
- **Background:** Prejudiced woman who discriminates against Danny
- **Key Traits:** Judgmental, narrow-minded, wears large feathered hats

Mr. Hanby

- **Role:** Mercantile owner
- **Background:** Torn between doing right and protecting his business
- **Key Traits:** Conflicted, has family to support

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- **Role:** Saloon girl rescued by Bounty Brothers
- **Background:** Working at Tumbleweed Tavern
- **Key Traits:** Grateful for rescue, refined despite circumstances

Ajax

- **Role:** Tom's pet wolf
- **Background:** Loyal companion who protects Madeline when Tom is away
- **Key Traits:** Protective, intelligent, devoted to Tom and his friends

Deceased Characters (Mentioned/Flashback)

Mr. and Mrs. Flynn

- **Role:** Madeline and Danny's parents
- **Background:** Murdered by Thomas Belonge
- **Key Traits:** Loving parents, faithful Christians

Rose Young

- **Role:** Brody's deceased sister
- **Background:** Killed years earlier in violent incident
- **Impact:** Her death affected the entire Young family

This character list includes all major and significant minor characters from Uncharted Trials. Characters are organized by their primary relationships and roles in the story.