

List of Characters*

The following list comprises the names of the novel's main characters, with variants and pronunciation. Russian names are composed of first name, patronymic (from the father's first name), and family name. Formal address requires the use of first name and patronymic; diminutives are commonly used among family and friends and are for the most part endearing, but in a certain blunt form (Katka, Mitka, Alyoshka, Rakitka) can be insulting and dismissive. Stressed syllables are indicated by italics.

Karamazov, Fyodor Pavlovich

Dmitri Fyodorovich (Mitya, Mitka, Mitenka, Mitri Fyodorovich)

Ivan Fyodorovich (Vanya, Vanka, Vanechka)

Alexei Fyodorovich (Alyosha, Alyoshka, Alyoshenka; Alyoshechka, Alexeichik, Lyosha, Lyoshenka)

Smerdyakov, Pavel Fyodorovich

Svetlov, Agrafena Alexandrovna (Grushenka, Grusha, Grushka)

Verkhovtsev, Katerina Ivanovna (Katya, Katka, Katenka)

Zosima (*Zinovy* before he became a monk)

Snegiryov, Nikolai Ilyich

Arina Petrovna

Varvara Nikolaevna (Varya)

Nina Nikolaevna (Ninotchka)

Ilyusha (Ilyushechka, Ilyushka)

Krasotkin, Nikolai Ivanov (*Kolya*)

Khokhlakov, Katerina Osipovna

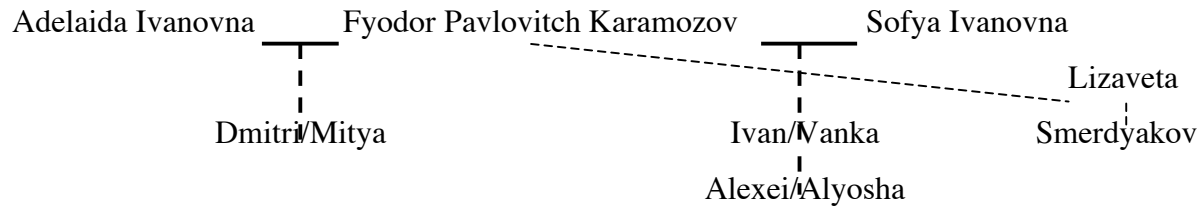
Liza (Lise)

Rakitin, Mikhail Osipovich (*Misha, Rakitka, Rakitushka*)

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Karamazov Family Tree:



The Karamazovs:

Fyodor buffoon, “sensualist,” wealthy, unreflective, sentimental, wicked.

Adelaida first wife, wealthy, independent, Dmitri’s mother, aristocratic, strong.

Sofya second wife, Ivan and Alyosha’s mother, gentle, dependent, weak, loving.

Dmitri oldest son, sensualist, soldier, young but old-looking.

Ivan intellectual, detached, brilliant, nihilist/atheist.

Alyosha loving, innocent, sensitive, intelligent but not intellectual, dependent, “fanatically chaste, resembles his mother.

Smerdyakov “Balaam’s Ass,” probably Fyodor’s illegitimate son by “Stinking Lizaveta,” bright, sadistic, sullen, a vulgar version of Ivan, servile and resentful.

Others:

Grigory Fyodor’s servant, raised, Ivan, Alyosha, and Smerdyakov for a while, sullen.

Pyotr Alexandrovitch Miüsov Fyodor’s cousin, landowner, liberal/socialist

Katerina Ivanovna Beautiful, aristocratic, loves Dmitri after he saves her father’s honor, loved by Ivan; Dmitri feels dependent on her and resents it (he owes her 3,000 roubles).

Grushenka less-than-innocent village woman, loved by Dmitri and lusted after by Fyodor.

Father Zossima monastery elder, healer, spiritual father to Alyosha, makes a science of Christian love; dying, humble before peasant women, resented by some at monastery.

Lise Mrs. Khokhlakov’s daughter, loves Alyosha

Rakitin (Misha) monastery busybody.