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# Mr. Enfield

Mr. Enfield goes on quiet walks with his cousin Mr. Utterson. He is not a very curious man and does not seem very concerned for the girl that got trampled but is more concerned about the strange man.

# \*Mr. Utterson

Mr. Utterson is a lawyer who does not easily believe in the super natural. He is a friend of Dr. Jekyll’s and, because of his loyalty, tries to unravel the peculiar arrangement between his friend and Mr. Hyde. Mr. Utterson suspects blackmail of Mr. Hyde or something else similarly shady. After speaking to Mr. Enfield about the girl being trampled he said, “Here is another lesson to say nothing … I am ashamed of my long tongue. Let us make a bargain never to refer to this again.”

# \*Dr. Henry Jekyll

Dr. Jekyll is a doctor and was a very social person before recent events. He is a very honest and moral person who does not want to hurt anyone. He has a fixation on what makes a man evil or good and concludes that each person has two people battling inside them. Dr. Jekyll had his will modified to leave everything to Mr. Hyde should anything happen to him. Dr. Jekyll is a lifelong friend of Mr. Lanyon, but recently not so much. He commented, “I was never more disappointed in any man than Lanyon” when speaking of their disagreement.

# Mr. Edward Hyde

Nobody likes Mr. Hyde but at the same time nobody can say why they don’t like him. They just don’t like the look of him. Mr. Hyde is a recent addition to Dr. Jekyll’s will, he is the sole beneficiary if something were to happen to Dr. Jekyll. Mr. Hyde trampled a little girl and got away with it by paying the family off. Rumors erupt around town about Mr. Hyde and he is the suspect in a murder because of the broken part of a cane left at the crime scene.

# \*Mr. Lanyon

Lifelong friend of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Utterson, Mr. Lanyon is a man of science and honesty. He has a falling out with Dr. Jekyll about ten years before this book. Mr. Lanyon and Dr. Jekyll are no longer good friends. When speaking to Mr. Utterson about Dr. Jekyll he explained that “He began to go wrong, wrong in the mind.”

# Sir Danvers

Sir Danvers was murdered by Hyde and was a respected member of the community and a client of Mr. Utterson’s.

# \*Sawbones

Sawbones is a nick-name given to the doctor/surgeon that saw to the little girl after being trampled by Mr. Hyde. Sawbones looked as though he wanted to kill Mr. Hyde when looking at him.

I personally think Edward Hyde might have been evil by sight, but not by the physical features of his face or skull (the way this book describes how people react to him) but by the emotion on his face and gesture choices. Hyde was never nice in his words and was usually slightly threatening. A misshapen skull does not give the idea of a bad nature but a sneer and a scowl do.

The townspeople see Hyde as a person to fear and rightly so since he murdered Sir Danvers and got away with it. Lanyon and Utterson see Hyde as a person possibly blackmailing Jekyll, their old friend, and is possibly taking advantage in another way. They both definitely think Hyde is up to no good.

Jekyll describes Hyde as someone to be trusted and someone who he values. Hyde has a key to the house and uses checks with Jekyll’s name on them. Jekyll does think Hyde is evil (as I have already read the entire book) but also is a bit addicted to him. Hyde is the escape from reality that Jekyll desires, or at least up until Hyde takes it too far.