



HONOR

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THIEVES

Notes for the Host: This game has both a “murdered” variation and an “attempted murder” variation. If you choose murder, remember that the Dead can still play, they just have special rules!

Sample Characters:

Catherine Hayes (*Catherine, a Story*, Thackeray): “Ruined” at an early age (which she attempts to avenge with poison), Catherine sets on her path of charmingly and skillfully looking out for Number One. She has by this time, accrued great wealth, a trail of men, and two dead husbands to boot!

Becky Sharp (*Vanity Fair*, Thackeray): A darker, more unfeeling version of Catherine, Becky amasses wealth and status through cold seduction, calculated flirtation, and by obtaining credit by tricking everyone around her. She has bankrupted those who trust her, and is on the decline, booze, the high life, and escaping debts having taken its toll on her spirit and her singing voice. She is determined to regain what she has lost, and will stop at nothing to do so!

Moll Flanders (*Moll Flanders*, DeFoe): From a prison-birth to final prosperity, Moll reckons love, theft and prostitution in terms of profit and loss and emerges as an extraordinary character. Despite her choices, Moll has a big heart, and does her best to take care of those around her. But don't think she's a push over; she's as strong as they make 'em.

Fagin (*Oliver Twist*, Dickens): The leader of a group of pickpockets, but referred to more frequently within the actual story as the "merry old gentleman". He is the leader of a group of children, whom he teaches to make their living by engaging in criminal activities. Calls everyone "my dear", especially when he doesn't mean it.

Ebenezer Balfour (*Kidnapped!*, Stevenson): The scheming, miserly uncle of David Balfour. Ebenezer plots to have David killed or taken away so that he can have complete control of the Balfour fortunes. Considered by many to be “evil”, he is so consumed by his greed and sense of self-pity, that he has become a bitter old man with a tortured soul...but beware! This viper still has fangs, and knows all sorts of unsavory types.

Governess (*Moll Flanders*, DeFoe): Moll's landlady and midwife, later her friend and confederate in crime. Wise in the ways of the world. “She asked me if she had not been careful and tender to me in my lying in, as if I had been her own child. I told her I owned she had. 'Well, my dear,' says she, 'and when you are gone, what are you to me? And what would it be to me if you were to be hanged?’”

Daniel Quilp (*The Old Curiosity Shop*, Dickens): a malicious, grotesque moneylender, whose side hobbies are blackmail, framing, and deception. Enjoys the misery of others. “He ate hard eggs, shell and all, devoured gigantic prawns with the heads and tails on, chewed tobacco and water-cresses at the same time and with extraordinary greediness, drank boiling tea without winking, bit his fork and spoon till they bent again, and in short performed so many horrifying and uncommon acts that the women were nearly frightened out of their wits, and began to doubt if he were really a human creature.”

Sally Brass (*The Old Curiosity Shop*, Dickens): Sampson Brass's sister. She also acts as her brother's partner at the law firm. “The other was his clerk, assistant, housekeeper, secretary, confidential plotter, adviser, intriguer, and bill of cost increaser, Miss Brass--a kind of amazon at common law.”

Hortense (*Bleak House*, Dickens): Lady Dedlock's French maid in *Bleak House*. Good at sniffing out secrets while feigning innocence. Murdered the man who spurned her.