

# SUSPECT LIST

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## MARTHA COREY

Opinionated and outspoken, Martha Corey is highly intelligent and has a penchant for research and reading. In fact, her reading habits were a big reason for her accusation, as it is believed that women who read must have a motive outside general curiosity or enjoyment. Known to some as the "gospel woman", Martha Corey is a member of the church, and the accusations against her came as a shock to many in the small town of Salem.

## LYDIA GREY

Lydia works in the Putnam house, and is uncommonly outgoing for a woman of Salem. Her primary role in the Putnam house is to take care of the Putnam children, and often their friends. She is married to a man named John, who also works for the Putnam family. It was Lydia's spooky stories that first inspired the young accuser's eccentricities, and despite the urgings of those close to her, she does not renounce the accusations; she has even confessed to being a witch and accused others in the town as well.

#### ALICE PARKER

When she first arrived in Salem, Alice Parker had no place to live and begged on the streets. While most of the residents of Salem scoffed at her and mocked her in the streets, there were some who showed her compassion. Alice made enough to sustain herself until she came into some money, and now lives a lavish life in the town of Salem, attending church and other social events alongside those who once showed her nothing but contempt. Alice has long, intensely white-blond hair.

## **BETTY PARRIS**

Daughter of Rev. Samuel Parris, Betty is one of the young women whose accusations sparked the Salem Witch hysteria. Along with Ann Putnam Jr., her claims of being afflicted have already led many to the gallows. Most imprisoned today are here because of her courtroom theatrics, and she has made many enemies among the townsfolk, who dare not speak out against her for fear of their lives.

#### ABIGAIL HOBBS

Abigail is wild, irreverent, disrespectful and claims not to be afraid of anything. She is friends with Ann Putnam's daughter, as well as Mercy Lewis and Merry Warren, all of whom were the main accusers in the witch frenzy. She has been known to mock the Holy Sacraments and even cast accusations against her own mother and father, as well as a number of her young friends.

#### **BRIDGET BISHOP**

Bridget Bishop is the biggest scandal in Salem Village, and was so even before the witch hunt began. She is scowled at for entertaining until late in the night, not paying her bills and playing the forbidden game, "shovel board." She dresses in provocative clothing and throws drinking and gambling parties at her tavern, which is considered by the very Puritan Salem community to be a "house of ill repute".

## RUTH WILFORD

Ruth is an introvert and lives in a house in the woods with a small farm on the surrounding grounds. She rarely visits the village, reserving her public appearances for times when she needs to purchase a loaf of bread or eggs. Ruth survives off the land, and is rumoured to be a potion maker, although she describes herself as a "healer".

## GILES COREY

Husband of Martha Corey, Giles is one of only a few men accused. He is a resolute man with strong opinions and an unwavering loyalty to his family. Like his wife, Giles enjoys reading and his intelligence is far greater than most in Salem Village.

## DEPUTY WILLARD

Deputy Willard has been the arresting officer for the witch trials since the beginning. He is secretive and keeps his opinions to himself, even when arresting a close friend or neighbor. He has known from the start that he would end up accused and imprisoned – he believed it was only a matter of time.

# CAPTAIN ALDEN

Captain Alden carries his sword with pride. Tales of his victories have traveled worldwide. He's very popular with impressionable women and rumour has it that he has fathered more than one illegitimate child. Despite his indiscretions, Captain Alden is seen as a hero, and his reputation is known far and wide. He was accused from afar while on his travels, and sought out and brought back to Salem to stand trial.

#### **REVEREND PARRIS**

Father of Betty Parris, one of the initial young accusers, Reverend Parris is a man caught up in the excitement of the witch trials. He stood behind The Putnams when they were accusing the other townsfolk of witchcraft, but when their accusations turned against he and his family, he began denouncing the witch hunt. He now shares the cell with his daughter, Betty.

#### WILLIAM HOBBS

William, the father of witch accuser Abigail, is a quiet man of high integrity, who likes to keep to himself. A stark opposite of his loud, boisterous daughter (whose accusations have started the witch hunt), Williams spends most of his days inside the prison with his head hung, as though ashamed.

# JOHN PROCTOR

A prominent member of the community, John and his family are well-known enemies of The Putnams – the family who essentially started this witch hunt! John is outspoken in denouncing the witch trials, and also denounces the young girls who have started the hysteria. A well-to-do farmer, John Proctor owns and leases a large amount of farming land, and owns the local tavern, run by his wife and daughter. He has a deep voice and condemns those causing the witch trials, without a care about the potential consequences.

## DOCTOR GRIGGS

Doctor Griggs is the doctor who originally diagnosed the young women after their "fits", and serves all of Salem and surrounding towns, making house calls whenever necessary. It has been argued that, with his diagnosis of Annie Putnam and her friends' fits as the result of being afflicted by an evil hand, he was directly responsible for the witch hunt.