The Holdovers

Character profiles

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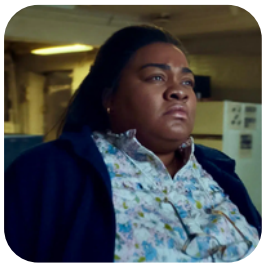
Barton Academy Staff



Paul Hunham - A stern and socially awkward classics teacher at the Barton Academy. As a college student he was falsely accused of plagiarism and expelled from Harvard. Paul's abrasive demeanour towards the world serves to protect him from emotional hurt but also prevents him from building meaningful and enriching relationships.



Mary Lamb - A cafeteria manager at Barton Academy and mother of a young American soldier recently killed in combat. Mary suppresses her grief and stoically continues to serve the students at the academy, partly to avoid feeling her pain, and partly due to economic pressures.



Dr Hardywoodrup - Principal of Barton Academy who is also a past student. Holds a grudge against Paul Hunham who failed him as a student and serves the wealthy families who expect their sons to attend prestigious colleges after graduating from Barton.



Miss Lydia Crane - A Barton Academy administrator and assistant to Dr Hardywoodrup, who also works as a waitress during the holiday period when school is closed. Lydia's invitation to Paul, Angus, Danny and Mary brings them out of school grounds which catalyses their emotional development.



Danny - Barton Academy's janitor, and mainly serves a foil to to Paul and Angus, and emotional support for Mary.

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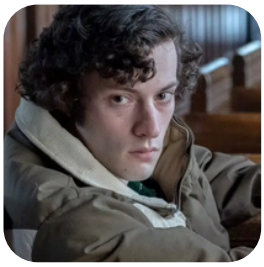
(the kids who must remain at school over the holiday period)



Angus Tully - He struggles with depression and worries about suffering from severe mental health issues as his father does. He has been expelled from 3 institutions and is on the verge of being forced to attend military school by his mother and stepfather. Over the course of film, he learns to open up and trust others for help.



Teddy Kountze - An antagonistic bully who expects to attend Cornell University after Barton Academy.



Alex Ollerman - A young, innocent boy from a Mormon family



Ye-Joon Park - A young international student from South Korea

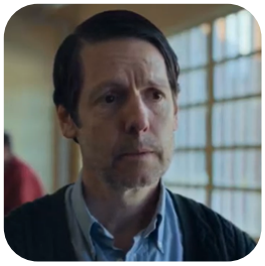


Jason Smith - a good-natured student whose family offers to take the other holdovers on their skiing holiday

Miscellaneous characters



Judy Clotfelter and **Stanley Clotfelter** - mother and stepfather to Angus Tully. Judy has divorced Angus' dad and is trying to move on with her new husband



Thomas Tully - Angus' father who has suffered a mental breakdown and is institutionalised at a mental health facility. He has paranoid delusions about the orderlies poisoning his food.



Hugh Cavanaugh and **Karen Cavanaugh** - Hugh is a professor of statistics at Harvard, who attended Harvard as a student with Paul and is now married to Karen