

Cracking India—characters split by religious or national groupings

Parsi—Zoroastrians

Sethi Family

- Lenny (4 or 5 when novel opens in 1942)
- Adj, younger brother
- Father (Jan or Jana)
- Mother
- Godmother, m. to Oldhusband
 - Slavesister
 - Mini or Electric Aunt
 - her son, Cousin
 - Dr. Manek Mody m. to Piloo
- Colonel Bharucha, doctor and leader of Parsi community in Lahore

Christians—British

- Inspector General Rogers
- Phailbus Family—Indian Christians
- Mountbatten, Viceroy of India

Hindu

- Ayah (Shanta), nanny for Sethis, becomes Mumtaz, has numerous admirers
- Motj, sweeper, m. to Muccho, who beats their daughter Papoo. Untouchables, but they convert to Christianity
- Shankars, newlyweds
- Hari, gardener for Sethis, converts to Islam bcms Himat Ali
- Gandhi and Nehru

Sikh

- Sher Singh—zoo attendant
- Jagjeet Singh
- Bankwallah Singh
- Rosy-Peter and parents—Mr. Singh and American-born wife
- Tara Singh—leader of Akali Sikhs

Muslim—Mussulman

- Ice Candy Man
- Masseur
- Yousaf, does odd jobs for Sethis
- Iman Din—Sethis cook, fondler, but most respected elder in village
 - Dost Mohammad—leader of Pir Pindoo, father of Ranna
- Jinnah—bcms 1st prez of Pakistan, August, 1947

Other Characters:

- Wrestler, restaurant owner
- Hamida, new ayah
- Mrs. Pen, the teacher
- Dr. Selzer, German Jew
- Sharbat Khan—knife sharpener
- Ramzana, the Butcher