CAST OF CHARACTERS

**In Putney, 1500**
Walter Cromwell, a blacksmith and brewer.
Thomas, his son.
Bet, his daughter.
Kat, his daughter.
Morgan Williams, Kat’s husband.

**At Austin Friars, from 1527**
Thomas Cromwell, a lawyer.
Liz Wykys, his wife.
Gregory, their son.
Anne, their daughter.
Grace, their daughter.
Henry Wykys, Liz’s father, a wool trader.
Mercy, his wife.
Johane Williamson, Liz’s sister.
John Williamson, her husband.
Johane (Jo), their daughter.
Alice Wellyfed, Cromwell’s niece, daughter of Bet Cromwell.
Richard Williams, later called Cromwell, son of Kat and Morgan.
Rafe Sadler, Cromwell’s chief clerk, brought up at Austin Friars.
Thomas Avery, the household accountant.
Helen Barre, a poor woman taken in by the household.
Thurston, the cook.
Christophe, a servant.
Dick Purser, keeper of the guard dogs.

**At Westminster**
Thomas Wolsey, Archbishop of York, cardinal, papal legate,
Lord Chancellor: Thomas Cromwell’s patron.
George Cavendish, Wolsey’s gentleman usher and later biographer.
Stephen Gardiner, Master of Trinity Hall, the cardinal’s secretary, later Master Secretary to Henry VIII: Cromwell’s most devoted enemy.
Thomas Wriothesley, Clerk of the Signet, diplomat, protégé of both Cromwell and Gardiner.

Richard Riche, lawyer, later Solicitor General.
Thomas Audley, lawyer, Speaker of the House of Commons,
Lord Chancellor after Thomas More’s resignation.

**At Chelsea**
Thomas More, lawyer and scholar, Lord Chancellor after Wolsey’s fall.
Alice, his wife.
Sir John More, his aged father.
Margaret Roper, his eldest daughter, married to Will Roper.
Anne Cresacre, his daughter-in-law.
Henry Pattinson, a servant.

**In the city**
Humphrey Monmouth, merchant, imprisoned for sheltering William Tyndale, translator of the Bible into English.
John Petyt, merchant, imprisoned on suspicion of heresy.
Lucy, his wife.
John Parnell, merchant, embroiled in long-running legal dispute with Thomas More.
Little Bilney, scholar burned for heresy.
John Frith, scholar burned for heresy.
Antonio Bonvisi, merchant, from Lucca.
Stephen Vaughan, merchant at Antwerp, friend of Cromwell.
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At court
Henry VIII.
Katherine of Aragon, his first wife, later known as Dowager Princess of Wales.
Mary, their daughter.
Anne Boleyn, his second wife.
Mary, her sister, widow of William Carey and Henry’s ex-mistress.
Thomas Boleyn, her father, later Earl of Wiltshire and Lord Privy Seal; likes to be known as ‘Monseigneur’.
George, her brother, later Lord Rochford.
Jane Rochford, George’s wife.
Thomas Howard, Duke of Norfolk, Anne’s uncle.
Mary Howard, his daughter.
Mary Shelton, Jane Seymour’s ladies-in-waiting.
Charles Brandon, Duke of Suffolk, old friend of Henry, married to his sister Mary.
Henry Norris
Francis Bryan
Francis Weston
William Brereton
Nicholas Carew
Mark Smeaton, a musician.
Henry Wyatt, a courtier.
Thomas Wyatt, his son.
Henry Fitzroy, Duke of Richmond, the king’s illegitimate son.
Henry Percy, Earl of Northumberland.

At Hatfield
Lady Bryan, mother of Francis, in charge of the infant princess, Elizabeth.
Lady Anne Shelton, Anne Boleyn’s aunt, in charge of the former princess, Mary.

The ambassadors
Eustache Chapuys, career diplomat from Savoy, London ambassador of Emperor Charles V.
Jean de Dinteville, an ambassador from Francis I.

The Yorkist claimants to the throne
Henry Courtenay, Marquis of Exeter, descended from a daughter of Edward IV.
Gertrude, his wife.
Margaret Pole, Countess of Salisbury, niece of Edward IV.
Lord Montague, her son.
Geoffrey Pole, her son.
Reginald Pole, her son.

The Seymour family at Wolf Hall
Old Sir John, who has an affair with the wife of his eldest son Edward.
Edward Seymour, his son.
Thomas Seymour, his son.
Jane, his daughter: at court.
Lizzie, his daughter, married to the Governor of Jersey.
William Butts, a physician.
Nikolaus Kratzer, an astronomer.
Hans Holbein, an artist.
Sexton, Wolsey’s fool.
Elizabeth Barton, a prophetess.

In Calais
Lord Berners, the Governor, a scholar and translator.
Lord Lisle, the incoming Governor.
Honor, his wife.
William Stafford, attached to the garrison.
The Tudors

Owen Tudor (ex. 1461) m. Catherine of Valois (widow of Henry V)

Edmund Tudor, Earl of Richmond m. Margaret Beaufort

Henry VII m. Elizabeth of York (eldest daughter of Edward IV)

Arthur, Prince of Wales (d. 1502) m. Katherine of Aragon

Mary m. (1) Louis XII of France
m. (2) Charles Brandon, Duke of Suffolk

Mary (2) Henry VIII m. (2) Anne Boleyn

Margaret m. James IV of Scotland others

Jasper Tudor, Earl of Pembroke, Duke of Bedford (no legitimate issue)
The Yorkist Claimants

Richard Duke of York m. Cecily Neville (killed in battle 1460)

Anne

Patricia Duchess of Beaufort

Edward IV m. Elizabeth Woodville

George Duke of Clarence (ex. 1478) m. Isabel Neville

Richard III (killed in battle 1485) m. Anne Neville

Elizabeth m. John de la Pole Duke of Suffolk

John de la Pole Earl of Lincoln (killed in battle 1487)

Richard de la Pole (ex. 1513)

Edmund de la Pole (d, 1484)

Henry VII

(Co-claimant for Yorkists

Anne m. Thomas Howard Duke of Norfolk

Catherine m. Sir William Courtenay

Henry Courtenay m. Gertrude Marquis of Exeter (supported by the ‘Holy Maid’)

Edward Courtenay Earl of Devon

Henry VIII

Edward Earl of Warwick (ex. 1499)

Margaret Countess of Salisbury m. Sir Richard Pole

Henry Pole Lord Montague

Arthur Pole (d. c. 1527)

Reginald Pole (in exile)

Geoffrey Pole

If Edward IV was illegitimate, the Poles, descended from George Duke of Clarence, had the strongest claim to the throne.