

E.B. White's

CHARLOTTE'S WEB

MALE OR FEMALE ROLES

WILBUR (young teen) (major role)

Wilbur is the special pig that Fern saves from her father's axe. He is very personable and eager to please. He becomes good friends with Charlotte, the spider.

LURVY (teen to adult) (key secondary role)

Lurvy is the Zuckerman's hired hand. He/she is very amiable and is the first to notice the words in Charlotte's web.

SHEEP (teen) (secondary role)

Sheep is a practical animal with a very negative outlook.

LAMB (young teen) (secondary role)

Lamb is a chip off the old block.

CHORUS/NARRATORS (3) (teens) (key secondary roles)

The three chorus members narrate and link parts of the story together. They will also play the roles of the Spectators at the fair, and the voices of Charlotte's baby spiders.

REPORTER, PHOTOGRAPHER, ANNOUNCER, JUDGES, UNCLE

STAGE MANAGER, STAGE CREW (2) (teens to adults)

The stage manager and crew will share the supporting roles of Reporter, Photographer, Announcer, Judges at the fair, and Uncle. (Uncle is a big pig at the fair that is Wilbur's competition. The plan is to use a big puppet head for this character.)

FEMALE ROLES

CHARLOTTE (teen to young adult) (major role)

Charlotte is the kind and wise spider who saves Wilbur from the butcher by writing words in her web. She is very motherly.

FERN ARABLE (young teen) (key secondary role)

Fern is the young daughter in the Arable family. She befriends Wilbur and saves him from an early death. She understands what animals say.

MARTHA ARABLE (young adult) (secondary role)

Martha is the mother of the Arable family. She is a typical farmer's wife.

EDITH ZUCKERMAN (adult) (secondary role)

Edith is Fern's aunt and helps Fern keep Wilbur safe. She is also a typical farmer's wife.

GOOSE (teen to young adult) (secondary role)

Goose is the excitable female half of the pair of geese living in the Zuckermans' farmyard.

MALE ROLES

HOMER ZUCKERMAN (adult) (key secondary role)

Homer is a practical farmer and Fern's uncle who agrees to raise Wilbur. He plans to take him to market until he is convinced that Wilbur is a remarkable pig.

TEMPLETON (teen to young adult) (key secondary role)

Templeton is a gluttonous, self-centered rat who can occasionally be talked into a good deed when it comes to saving Wilbur. He has attitude.

GANDER (teen to young adult) (key secondary role)

Gander is the male goose living at the Zuckerman's. Like his spouse, he is very excitable but keen to save Wilbur.

JOHN ARABLE (adult) (secondary role)

John is a head of the Arable family. He is a very practical farmer but has a soft spot for his daughter Fern.

AVERY ARABLE (early teen) (secondary role)

Avery is Fern's older brother. He is a bit of a comedian and not above teasing his sister.