Under The Persimmon Tree

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Naimah	Noval's protogonist (main sharester)	
Najmah "star"	Novel's protagonist (main character) Twolve year old A fahan girl	
Star	Twelve year old Afghan girl	
Nusrat	School teacher from America	
"help"	Changed her name from Elaine and is 25 years old	
no.p	Converted to Islam	
	Husband is Faiz (doctor)	
	Lives in Peshawar, Pakistan	
	Opens a school for refugee children	
Nur	Najmah"s older brother	
"light"		
Baba-Jan	Najmah's father	
	Term that means father dear	
Mada-Jan	Najmah's mother	
	Term that means mother dear	
Habib	Najmah's infant brother	
"friend"		
Uncle Mohiuddin	Steals, sneaky, sells drugs (opium) on the Black Market	
	Greedy, selfish	
	Wealthy	
	Baba-jan's brother	
	Anti-social with his family until now (he wants their fields)	
	Mean	
To di	Heavy-set	
Fatima	Mother-in-law (Faiz's mom)	
	Short, cropped snow-white hair	
	Bright, dark eyes	
	Speaks in clipped British English English professor at University of Kehyl	
	English professor at University of Kabul	
	Quick movements	
Sultan	Nusrat's brother-in-law (Asma's husband)	
	Tall, muscular man, broad shoulders	
	No beard, no hair	
	Has a collection of music	
	Kind heart	
	Poetic	

	Chair of Dept. of Education at University
Husna	Housemaid/female servant of Nusrat
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Maha	
Haroon	Brings children to Nusrat's school, where she teaches and feeds them.
	Manages the refugee camp
Basharat	Man who helps Nusrat by protecting her and transporting her to where
	she needs to go.