Under The Persimmon Tree

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Najmah "star" Novel's protagonist (main character) Twelve year old Afghan girl Nusrat "help" School teacher from America Changed her name from Elaine and is 25 years old Converted to Islam Husband is Faiz (doctor) Lives in Peshawar, Pakistan Opens a school for refugee children Nur "light" Najmah's older brother Najmah's father Term that means father dear					
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Habib Najmah's infant brother					
"friend"					
Uncle Mohiuddin Selfish, sketchy, weird (stalker-y)					
He sells poppies - opium - heroin (sells on the Black Market)					
Rich					
Heavy-set					
Fatima Nusrat's Mother-in-law (Faiz's and Asma's mother)					
Positive relationship ^					
Snow-white hair					
Bright, dark eyes					
English professor at University of Kabul					
Birdlike (talkative, features, actions, perceptive, energetic)					
Sultan Nusrat's brother-in-law (Asma's husband)					
Chair of the Department of Education at University of Kabul	Chair of the Department of Education at University of Kabul				
Gentle soul, heart of a poet					
Bit eccentric (he listens to folk music from Afghanistan)					
Bald, muscular, broad shoulders					
Clean-shaven					
Husna Nusrat's housemaid/servant					
Maha An old lady that was Faiz's housemaid when he was young					
Haroon Kind					

	Finds the refugees and brings them to Nusrat's Manager of the refugee (Shahnawaz)				
Basharat	Pretends to be Nusrat's husband/Husna's brother when they go to the bazaar. Paid to transport Nusrat				