

# The Portal to Genius Character Guide

Thank you for your interest in *Portal to Genius*. This guide has been prepared to help you more easily glean the most value possible out of this life-changing book. Enjoy!

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<b>Characters (in order of appearance)</b>	<b><i>Unless otherwise noted, unnamed characters will not be included in this character guide.</i></b>
Felicity Goodman	Wife of Richard, mother of Matthew, prone to worry, loved learning to dance in her youth.
Richard Goodman	Husband of Felicity, father of Matthew, struggles to provide for his family. Works at a factory, wants to become financially independent.
Matthew Goodman	Son of Richard and Felicity. He is 4 yrs old at opening of Part 1, and becomes the main character in the epilogue as a sixteen year-old who wants to drive a more respectable car.
Victor Goodman	Richard's older brother by 5 years and Matthew's uncle. Victor is successful during Part 1 but experiences a tragedy during Part 2 that shakes his confidence and threatens to ruin his life.
Joe Bless	Depressed because he believes there are not enough jobs.
Richard's Father	Passed away from cancer when Richard was twelve.
Officer Cross	The authoritative and arrogant police officer who is dispatched to talk with Felicity about Richard's disappearance.
Officer Doolittle	The junior officer who accompanies Officer Cross to Felicity's home.
Harold Ashway	A man on the path, tries to produce a rabbit by jumping around.
Andy Zauff	Richard's first mentor off the path who requires a partial sandwich for payment.
Gavin Upnow	A man on the path who competes for a rabbit and fails.
Randy Mollup	Richard's second mentor off the path who requires a rabbit for payment.
Unknown gentleman at dinner	The "unknown gentleman" at the end of Part 1 is Ray Golward, a main character in Part 2.
Morgan Stillwater	Isaac's father, Rita's husband. Played football at Wichita Collegiate High with his friend Ray Golward. While they both wanted to be doctors, Morgan ultimately dropped out of school due to ill health. Hired on at a medical devices plant, worked his way up and became president of the company, now called Stillwater Technologies.
Rita Stillwater	Isaac's mother, Morgan's wife. When Rita is introduced, she is caring for her elderly mother out of state. Rita is a steady influence on

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	Morgan.
Ray Golward	Morgan's long-time friend and Cardiologist. Misses playing football. Feels unfulfilled in his occupation; searches for a purpose that inspires him.
Isaac Stillwater	Morgan and Rita's son who is six years old and falls ill at the beginning of Part 2. Spunky and loves to make people laugh. Wants to play football for Wichita Collegiate High.
Linda Perkins	Morgan Stillwater's personal assistant / secretary.
Ed/Edward Phillips	Board executive at Simmons Industries who pressures Morgan to produce the funds that would take the artificial heart valves to market.
Shelby Ross, Vernon Porter	Friends of Richard who engage in gossip with him in the lunchroom at work.
Jeff	Richard's supervisor at work.
Charlie Reynolds	Works for Leadership Academy, wants to recruit Richard as a trainer.
Michelle	Victor's wife.
Christopher	Victor's son.
Mr., Mrs. Davenport	Owners of Richard and Felicity's dream home.
Sadie, Chloe	Richard and Felicity's twin daughters. Matthew's little sisters.
Maria	Felicity's friend from high school, critical of Felicity's choices.
Lou	One of Victor's friends from high school football who became a financial advisor and business partner. Mentors Richard and Felicity.
Betty	Employee at Stillwater Technologies in the Human Resources department. Friend of Richard.
Hans	The company driver who picks Richard up from the airport in Brussels, Belgium and the first InnoValve recipient in Germany.
Dietmar Hoffmann	Businessman in Brussels, Belgium who wants to interview Richard for a contract position.
Kyle, Josh	Matthew's high school friends.

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