

## Meet the Characters

### Crime and Punishment

- birth 1. <sup>last royal dynasty / tsar</sup> Rodion [Romanov]itch [Raskol]nikov—the central character sometimes referred to as Rodya or Rodka but most often as Raskolnikov <sup>schism / schismatic</sup>
- soul breathe 2. Avdotya Romanovna Raskolnikov—Raskolnikov's sister who is simply called Dounia (dōuh / d'ōnt)
- marmelade 3. Pulcheria Alexandrovna Raskolnikov—Raskolnikov's mother
- Catherine the Great 4. Marmeladov—an alcoholic who meets Raskolnikov in a bar
5. Katerina Ivanovna—Marmeladov's wife who has tuberculosis
6. <sup>Sofya — (soph / Gk) wisdom; compassion</sup> Sonia—Marmeladov's daughter who is a prostitute
- Peter the Great 7. <sup>(luzha — puddle / muck)</sup> Pyotr Petrovitch Luzhin—wealthy, middle-aged man who is engaged to marry Dounia. He is referred to as Luzhin.
- (right) reason intellect 8. Dmitri Prokofitch Razumihin—Raskolnikov's loyal friend from the university. He is called Razumihin throughout the novel.
9. Arkady Ivanovitch Svidrigailov—Dounia's former boss who tried to seduce her
10. Marfa Petrovna—Svidrigailov's wife who is rumored to have been killed by him. She read Dounia's letter to the entire village.
11. Alyona Ivanovna—the pawnbroker whom Raskolnikov kills
12. Lizaveta Ivanovna—the pawnbroker's half-sister also killed by Rodya
13. Porfiry Petrovitch—the brilliant, unconventional detective who becomes a formidable adversary to Raskolnikov
14. Praskovya Pavlovna—Raskolnikov's landlady who reports him to the police
15. Nastasya—the landlady's servant
16. Ilya Petrovitch—a police officer
- to notice 17. Zametov—a clerk at the police station (zametee +)
18. Nikodim Fomitich—Chief of Police
19. Zossimov—a doctor who treats Raskolnikov
20. Dmitri and Nikolay—painters who were working at the pawnbroker's apartment building on the day of the murders
21. Lebeziatnikov—the man who lives in the same building as the Marmeladov family. He later exposes Luzhin's framing of Sonia.
22. Amalia Fyodorovna—Katerina Ivanovna's landlady

# CAST OF CHARACTERS

**Rodion Romanovitch Raskolnikov** The main character who is alternately called Rodya, Rodenka, and Rodka.

**Avdotya Romanovna Raskolnikov** Rodya's sister, alternately called Dounia.

**Pulcheria Alexandrovna Raskolnikov** Rodya's mother.

**Semyon Zakharovitch Marmeladov** A drunkard who figures prominently in a bar conversation with Raskolnikov.

**Katerina Ivanovna** The wife of Marmeladov.

**Sofya Semyonovna Marmeladov** Marmeladov's daughter and devoted step-daughter of Katerina Ivanovna, who prostitutes herself and later falls in love with Raskolnikov. Also called Sonia.

**Arkady Ivanovitch Svidrigaïlov** Dounia's former employer who arrives in St. Petersburg.

**Marfa Petrovna** Svidrigaïlov's wife who dies and leaves Dounia a bundle of needed money.

**Pyotr Petrovich Luzhin** A rich man who thinks he can buy happiness for Dounia, his love. His name, comically, means "puddle."

**Dimitri Prokofitch Razhumikin** Raskolnikov's best friend and guardian of Dounia.

**Andrei Semyonovitch Lebeziatnikov** A tenant in the same building as the Marmeladovs and a liberal.

**Porfiry Petrovich** The overseeing police officer on Raskolnikov's case.

**Alyona Ivanovna** The moneylender who Raskolnikov murders.

**Lizaveta Ivanovna** The simple-minded sister of Alyona and a friend of Sonya.

**Praskovya Pavlovna** Raskolnikov's complaining landlady who is owed back-rent.

**Nastasya** Praskovya's servant and a friend of Raskolnikov.

**Amalia Fyodorovna** The Marmeladov's landlady who causes a big scandalous fight at a dinner party.

**Kapernaumov** Sonia's landlady.

**Zossimov** A friend of Razhumikin and a doctor who cared for Raskolnikov.

**Nikodim Fomitch** Chief of the police.

**Zametov** A clerk in the police station and a fiend of Razhumikin.

**Ilya Petrovitch** A police official.

**Nikolav and Dimitri** The painters, one of whom admits to the crime.