



# Resources

## Mercy Hunter



## Resource 1: Character Description Cards

### The Artful Dodger

#### Oliver Twist by Charles Dickens

*"He was a snub-nosed, flat-browed common-faced boy enough; and as dirty a juvenile as one would wish to see; but he had all about him all the airs and manners of a man. He was short for his age: with rather bow-legs, and little, sharp, ugly eyes. His hat was stuck on the top of his head so lightly, that it threatened to fall off every moment – and would have done so, very often, if the wearer had not had a knack of every now and then giving his head a sudden twitch, which brought it back to its old place again. He wore a man's coat, which reached nearly to his heels. He had turned the cuffs back, half-way up his arm, to get his hands out of his sleeves: apparently with the ultimate view of thrusting them into the pockets of his corduroy trousers; for there he kept them. He was, altogether, as roystering and swaggering a young gentleman as ever stood four feet six, or something less, in his bluchers"*

The Artful Dodger is a pickpocket and the leader of a gang of thieving children. He often acts much older than he is.

### Miss Trunchbull

#### Matilda by Roald Dahl

*"Looking at her, you got the feeling that this was someone who could bend iron bars and tear telephone directories in half."*

Miss Trunchbull is the headmistress of Crunchem Hall. She is a former Olympic hammer-thrower, and she now throws the pupils of her school by the pigtails! Both the staff and the pupils of the school are terrified of Miss Trunchbull. She bullies and scares everyone.



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### Lyra Belaqua

#### Northern Lights by Philip Pullman

*"She was a coarse and greedy little savage, for the most part. But she always had a dim sense that it wasn't her whole world; that part of her also belonged in the grandeur of Jordan College; and that somewhere in her life there was a connection with the high world of politics represented by Lord Asriel. All she did with that knowledge was to give herself airs and lord it over the other urchins. It had never occurred to her to find out more."*

Lyra lives in one of the grand colleges of Oxford. She has been placed there by her uncle Lord Asriel. She spends her time running around with the street kids of Oxford, starting fights and telling tall tales. She is often described as being like a wildcat, but she is also courageous and loyal to her friends.

### Willy Wonka

#### Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl

*"How clever he looked! How quick and sharp and full of life! He kept making quick jerky little movements with his head, cocking it this way and that, and taking everything in with those bright twinkling eyes. He was like a squirrel in the quickness of his movements, like a quick clever old squirrel from the park."*

Willy Wonka is the owner of a chocolate-making factory which makes the best sweets and chocolates in the world. He is very clever and enjoys making mischief. He enjoys anything silly or nonsensical. He is very well-travelled and has even travelled to space!