



CHARACTER NAME GUIDE

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BLONDIE MARIE

Often, we get a great idea for a story. We've got the plot running through our minds like a film, we've got a great location to set the story in, and we're about ready to sit down and begin writing this next great novel. But right about the time our main character makes his (or her) grand entrance, we realize one important element of our story:

Our character has no name.

Where do you go for your characters' names? Typically, if the name doesn't automatically come to us, we go searching the baby name directories. If they're good enough for new parents to use in deciding the name of their child, it has to be good enough for us to use for our characters, right?

Sure. It works.

But what happens when a character doesn't have a name that's 'typical'? Think Jughead from *Archie*, or Tonks from the *Harry Potter*. These aren't names you are going to find from babynames.com, and yet in some cases they fit your character better than Steve, Erica, or Joe.

I've been keeping track of the books I read for years. But this year, I decided to take it one step further. I started keeping track of the characters as I read, and I made a list of all of the characters mentioned throughout the year. The idea was to create this resource to offer to my readers who are looking for character names over the next year.

If you're perfectly content using a baby name directory and you can't think of any situation in which you would want a name that might not appear there, that's perfectly fine. You do you. But if there is a chance that one of your characters – now or in the future – might have a name that isn't typical, or go by a nickname in your story, this may be a resource you find helpful.

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Aaron	Ace	Addley	Agatha	Alan
Abbott	Ackerly	Adele	Agnes	Albert
Abel	Ackerman	Aditi	Ainsley	Albertus
Abigail	Adam	Adrian	Akmatova	Aleghiri
Abufel	Addison	Aelita	Al	Alejandro
Alena	Alfred	Ambrose	Anatoli	Andrews
Alexander	Alice	Amelia	Andalesía	Andy
Alexandria	Allison	Ames	Anderson	Angela
Alexei	Alwabbi	Amy	Andreas	Angelina
Alexis	Amanda	Anathema	Andrew	Angelones
Anita	Annie	Anton	Ari	Arohson
Ankelehoff	Anthony	Anyia	Arlen	Art
Anna	Antipovsky	Appledore	Arlene	Arthur
Annabelle	Antoine	April	Armando	Ash
Anne	Antoinette	Archimbault	Armitage	Ashcroft
Asher	Aubrey	Bai	Baranovsky	Barthomley
Ashley	Augustus	Baker	Barkley	Barty
Astraea	Ayesha	Bangs	Barnaby	Bastri
Atkinson	Babs	Banks	Barnes	Bea
Atticus	Backus	Bannerman	Barry	Beachendon
Beagleman	Beggy	Benares	Benny	Bertram
Beatrice	Belinda	Bender	Benskin	Betsy
Beatty	Bell	Benedict	Bernice	Betty
Becky	Bella	Bennett	Bernoff	Beverly
Beecher	Ben	Bennie	Bertie	Biddle
Billie	Bjorn	Blatch	Bogs	Booth
Billy	Black	Blob	duBois	Boris
Binah	Blackburn	Bo	Bolton	Bosh
Bindi	Blackenship	Bob	Bonsaint	Bowden
Bishop	Blair	Bobby	Booker	Box

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Bozeman	Brad	Bran	Brendan	Britta
Bracken	Braddick	Brandon	Brent	Britton
Brackenbury	Bradley	Brandy	Brian	Brockner
Brackets	Braga	Braxton	Bright	Brodsky
Bracowicz	Braganza	Brendan	Britney	Brofton
Bronson	Burchardt	Butch	Calhoun	Candice
Brooks	Burchette	Butler	Callaway	Candy
Brower	Burg	Byron	Camilla	Carbaritch
Bruce	Burke	C	Campanella	Carden
Bugs	Burton	Caleb	Campbell	Carey
Carla	Carol	Carsale	Castellano	Catrina
Carlo	Caroline	Carstairs	Cat	Cattelle
Carlos	Carolyn	Carter	Catch	Cece
Carlotta	Carpenter	Cassie	Cathner	Cecilia
Carmen	Carrie	Cassius	Cathy	Celeste
Celestina	Chan	Charlene	Chatty	Chiffingham
Celine	Chance	Charles	Chen	Chloe
Chadwich	Chandler	Charlie	Cherico	Chris
Chalmers	Chapple	Charlotte	Chesterfield	Christantopolis
Chambers	Charity	Charlton	Chiara	Christian
Christine	Clanton	Clarisse	Clemens	Clopton
Christopher	Clara	Clary	Clemons	Clovis
Cicero	Clärchen	Claude	Cleo	Clyde
Claire	Clark	Claustro	Clifton	Cody
Clampett	Clarkson	Cleary	Clint	Cole
Coleen	Conchita	Cooper	Corning	Cracker
Colette	Connie	Corbell	Costanzia	Craig
Colin	Connor	Corbett	Cote	Craven
Collins	Conor	Cordelia	Courréges	Cray
Conall	Constantine	Core	Courtney	Cressida

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Cruz	Cutler	Dambesi	Danbury	Darabont
Culpepper	van Cuttersman	Damien	Danica	Dare
Curdich	Cynda	Damsen	Daniel	Darren
Curry	D'emolio	Dan	Danni	Darrow
Curtis	Dabney	Dana	Danny	Dave
David	DeLyons	Delany	Delph	Derek
Davidson	DeSpain	Delia	Denker	Desdemona
Davis	Deborah	Della	Denmark	Desjardines
Dawson	Deena	Delly	Dennis	Desmares
De Falacci	Delacourte	Delores	Denny	Desmond
Dev	Diana	Dick	Dmitri	Donie
Devon	Diane	Dickie	Dominika	Donna
Dex	Dianna	Dicks	Don	Donnatelli
Diamond	Diaz	Dilys	Donald	Dorothy
Diandra	Dice	Dixon	Donaldson	Dorsey
Dotty	Drakos	Dub	Dunahy	Dusty
Doucet	Draper	DuBois	Dunleavy	Duval
Dougherty	Draycott	Duchamp	Dunn	Dwight
Douglas	Draykonov	Duffy	Dussander	Dylan
Drake	Driver	Dufresne	Dusset	Earl
Early	Edmund	Elmore	Emilio	Erendell
Eddie	Edward	Elsie	Emlyn	Ergon
Eden	Edwin	Elwood	Emma	Erin
Edison	Effingham	Emeline	Emmaline	Espinoza
Edith	Elba	Emery	Entwhistle	Esther
Etta	Evelyn	Evvie	Fairley	Felice
Eunice	Everett	Ewing	Farrington	Felicia
Eva	Everly	Eyeball	Farrow	Felix
Evan	Everoad	Ezra	Faye	Felton
Evans	Evie	Fairclough	Fearing	Fernell

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Ferranti	Finnegan	Fishman	Flora	Fong
Ferrimore	Fintan	Fiske	Florian	Forte
Fillmore	Fiona	Fitz-David	Flowers	Foster
Finegold	Fishburne	Fitzroy	Flynn	Fourname
Finn	Fisher	Fleming	Fok	Foxy
Frackis	Frankel	Freddie	Fritz	Gabby
Frances	Frankline	Frederick	Fuchs	Gabrielle
Francine	Fraiser	French	Fulton	Gabrilowsitch
Francis	Frears	Freya	Furman	Gaelyn
Frank	Fred	Friday	Fuzzy	Gaglioni
Gallagher	Garrett	George	Giacomo	Gillaroo
Gallant	Garry	Georgiana	Gianna	Girard
Gamma	Gary	Gerard	Gianni	Giuseppe
Gangnon	Gaz	Gerry	Gibbs	Glendora
Gardnes	Gelfand	Giacalone	Gig	Glenn
Gloria	Goldie	Gormon	Gray-Hair	Gregory
Gluecks	Gonzalez	Grace	Greely	Gregson
Goldberg	Gordie	Grady	Green	Gretchen
Goldenheart	Gordon	Grafton	Greg	Grey
Goldfarb	Gordy	Grange	Gregor	Griff
Grove	Gwen	Haines	Halliburton	Hanlon
Grover	Gwendolyn	Hakila	Halligan	Hannah
Gryffyd	al-Habib	Hal	Hamada	Hanrahan
Guckenburger	Hackemeyer	Halfpenny	Hamed	Hans
Guy	Hadley	Halleck	Han	Hap
Happy	Harper	Haskel	Heather	Henderson
Hardy	Harris	Hassler	Heddy	Henley
Harkins	Harrison	Hatlen	Heinrich	Henreid
Harley	Harry	Hawes	Heisl	Henry
Harold	Harvey	Hawkins	Helen	Hepburn

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Herb	Hernandez	Himmler	Hogan	Holloway
Herbert	Hightower	Hinkley	Holdsworth	Holsters
Hercules	Higgins	Hobbs	Holland	Homer
Heriberto	Higginson	Hobby	Hollindale	Hong
Herman	Hill	Hoffa	Hollis	Horace
Horr	Hugh	Ian	Isabel	Jack
Horshaft	Hugo	Ignatius	Ito	Jackie
Horton	Hunter	Inna	Ivan	Jackman
Howard	Hurley	Inwonderland	Ivy	Jackson
Huffman	Hutchinson	Isaacs	Izzy	Jacob
Jacobs	James	Janice	Jeff	Jenkins
Jacobson	Jamie	Jason	Jeffers	Jenner
Jacque	Janáček	Jean	Jefferson	Jensen
Jake	Jane	Jeane	Jeffries	Jericho
Jamal	Janet	Jeannie	Jenessa	Jerry
Jess	Jim	Joe	Johnny	Jones
Jesse	Jimmy	Joelle	Johnson	Jordan
Jessica	Jo	Joey	Johnston	Jorgensen
Jessup	Joanna	Johanssen	Jonah	Jorgenson
Jesu	Joe	John	Jonathan	Josef
Joseph	Juba	Junior	Karen	Kathy
Josephine	Judith	Justice	Karpinski	Katy
Josh	Julian	Justin	Kate	Kayla
Josiah	Julie	Kapule	Katherine	Keeley
Josie	Juliet	Kara	Kathleen	Keenan
Keith	Ken	Kerensky	Kim	Kramer
Keller	Kendricks	Kerryn	King	Krantz
Kelly	Kennedy	Kessel	Kline	Kruse
Kemmelman	Kenneth	Kevin	Klingerman	Krueger
Kempley	Kenny	Khoury	Koh	Kulabin

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Kurt	Lake	Langdon	Larry	Laurent
Kyle	Lan	Langstrom	Lars	Lawrence
Lachance	Landon	Larieux	Lathrop	Lawton
Lainie	Lane	Larissa	Laura	Leary
Laird	Lang	Lark	Lauren	Lee
LeGrande	Leschetizky	Lev	Linda	Liradean
Leigh	Lesley	Levêque	Linterman	Lisa
Leon	Leslie	Liam	Lionel	Lithonia
Leonard	Lester	Libby	Liora	Liv
Leone	Leticia	Lily	Lipscomb	Livia
Livvy	Locke	Lorna	Louden	Lu
Livy	Logan	Lorraine	Loughlin	Luca
Liz	Loren	Lorrington	Louis	Lucinda
Lizzie	Lorenzo	Lottie	Lowbeer	Lucius
Llewellyn	Loretta	Lou	Lowell	Lucky
Lucy	Lyon	Macon	Mahmud	Manusco
Lugarno	Lyudmila	Macy	Makenna	Marc
Luis	Mabel	Madeline	Malcolm	Marcelino
Luke	Mac	Madison	Malendar	Marchand
Lydia	MacBride	Magda	Malzone	Marchont
Lynch	Macleod	Maguire	Manny	Marcus
Margaret	Maribelle	Marisca	Marshall	Marty
Margarita	Marie	Marjorie	Marta	Marvin
Margo	Marilyn	Mark	Martha	Mary
Maria	Marina	Marnum	Martin	Mason
Marianna	Marion	Marsha	Martinez	Masson
Matt	May	McDee	McIndidon	Meg
Matthew	Maylene	McEwan	McMillan	Megan
Maude	Mazursky	McGinn	McNamara	Meggie
Maurice	Mazzara	McGlory	McNeill	Meghan
Max	McCarron	McGonaghey	Meeley	Melanie

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Melba	Memling	Micah	Midora	Miller
Melinda	Mena	Michael	Mika	Millicent
Melissa	Merle	Michaelson	Mike	Mollie
Melody	Merrill	Michelle	Miles	Milly
Melton	Mert	Midge	Milland	Milo
Mincher	Mitchell	Montrose	Morrison	Mylo
Minerva	Moby	Morelos	Mount	Myra
Minka	Molinari	Morgan	Mudgett	Namir
Miranda	Molly	Morgana	Mulcah	Nana
Mitch	Monica	Morris	Murphy	Nancy
de Nancy	Nelson	Newcomb	Norma	O'Leary
Natalia	Nero	Nicholas	Normadem	O'Malley
Naughton	Nesbit	Nick	Norman	O'Mally
Neill	Nessa	Nicole	Norton	Olga
Nellie	Netherton	Nikolai	Nuala	Olivia
Olson	Osgood	Paget	Pam	Parkurst
Orion	Ossian	Paige	Pamela	Parks
Orlansky	OSSIP	Paine	von Pampe	Pat
Ortega	Otto	Pallas	Paolo	Patricia
Oscar	Ozzie	Palmer	Parker	Patton
Patty	Pawlokoski	Peggy	Pensky	Pernilla
Paul	Paxton	Pegler	Percy	Perry
Paulie	Paymore	Pendelton	Perez	Pete
Pauline	Peach	Penny	Perkins	Peter
Pavel	Pearl	Pennyfred	Perkovic	Peterson
Petroy	Phoebe	Pierre	Pipette	Pompey
Phil	Phyllis	Piersal	Pixie	Poppy
Phillip	Pickens	Pilar	Poke	Portia
Phillips	Pickering	Pinson	Poley	Potek
Phipps	Pickett	Piper	Polotnikov	Power

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Pratt	Quentin	Radar	Rainier	Raoul
Pressman	Quinn	Raeburn	Ralph	Raptis
Preston	Quintard	Raffaello	Ramandi	Rauh
Primrose	Quiuo	Rainer	Randolph	Ray
Public	Rachel	Rainey	Randy	Rayburn
Reading	Reed	Renaldo	Richard	Riker
Rebecca	Reese	Renata	Richardson	Riley
Red	Reether	Rene	Richie	Rita
Redmond	Reg	Rennie	Richler	Robb
Reece	Reinhardt	Riccardo	Rick	Robbie
Robers	Rod	Ronnie	Rose	Rowan
Roberson	Rogan	Ronstad	Rosemary	Rowdy
Robert	Roger	Rooster	Rosie	Rowley
Roberta	Rogers	Rosa	Ross	Roy
Robin	Roland	Rosalie	Rostopich	Royce
Ruby	Ryan	Salky	Samantha	Sanders
Rufus	Rye	Sally	Sammy	Sandra
Ruggiero	Sage	Saltman	Samuel	Sandy
Russell	Sahara	Salvatore	Samuels	Santoro
Ruth	Sal	Sam	Samuelson	Sara
Sarah	Schatz	Scratch	Septimus	Shawn
Sasha	Schechter	Sean	Serafina	Shaylene
Saul	Schmidt	Sebastian	Serena	She-Wolf
Saunders	Schneff	Semenov	Sersha	Sheila
Scarfile	Scott	Sen	Sharon	Sheldon
Shepard	Shirley	Simms	Skellish	Smart
Shepherd	Sicilia	Simons	Skip	Smelty
Sherry	Sickles	Singh	Slicer	Smith
Sherwood	Silverman	Singleton	Sloan	Smithson
Shipley	Silvia	Sissy	Smart	Smythe

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Somer	Sophia	Spotted-Deer	Stammas	Starr
Sonaghan	Sophie	St. George	Stanislav	Stein
Sondra	Speers	St. Pierre	Stanley	Stenkley
Sonia	Spencer	Stacey	Stansfield	Stephanie
Sonny	Spinetti	Stallings	Stanton	Stephen
Steros	Stiattisi	Stuart	Susan	Sybil
Stett	Stiles	Suchak	Susy	Ta
Stevens	Stinky	Sue	Suzanne	Tabitha
Stevenson	Storrman	Sully	Svetlana	Tacoma
Stevie	Stouffer	Sunny	Swindon	Tam
Tamika	Tecumsah	Templeton	Tessio	Thomas
Tansey	Ted	Teresa	Theodore	Thompson
Taryton	Teddy	Terri	Theresa	Thresh
Tayassa	Tee	Terry	Thibault	Tiffany
Taylor	Teeny	Tesla	Thom	Tilton
Tim	Todd	Tommy	Toro	Travis
Timmy	Toivo	Tong	Tozeman	Tremaine
Timpnell	Tom	Toni	Tracey	Trenaman
Tina	Tomi	Tonks	Traloccis	Trichcombe
Tocco	Tomkins	Tony	Trask	Trish
Tropert	Turleen	Ugo	Vanmoer	Vera
Trumble	Turner	Ulvaeus	Vassily	Vern
Trumpington	Twain	Upshaw	Vasdonliswilli	Vermette
Tupper	Twitchell	Van Kleek	Venetia	Verness
Turell	Tyler	Vanderwahl	Vennace	Vesey
Vesta	Virgil	Vo Vo	Wallsingham	Ward
Victor	Vivali	Voldakov	Wally	Wark
Vince	Vivian	Von Ash	Walter	Washington
Vincenzo	Vivvie	Walderblast	Walreddon	Waterhouse
Violet	Vladimir	Wallace	Walter	Watts

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Weaver	Wen	Wheeler	Will	Wilt
Webb	Wendall	White	Willi	Wilton
Weil	Wentworth	Whitmore	William	Windy
Weiskopf	West	Wilda	Williams	Wing
Weiss	Westcott	Wilf	Wilson	Winkleman
Winston	Worthington	Yakov	Ysler	Zubov
Winterford	Wright	Yalta	Zeke	
Winters	Wu	Yannic	Zerilli	
Wolff	Wyland	Youngblood	Zipay	
Woods	Xo	Youth	Zonjic	

BOOKS USED IN THIS LIST:

Silent Sentry, by Teresa Rizzo
Waking Olivia, by Elizabeth O'Roark
Weather Witch, by Shannon Delaney
Copping It Sweet, by Anna Clifton
London With a Dare, by Jennifer Connor and Angela Ford
Twain's End, by Lynn Cullen
The Choice, by Nicholas Sparks
The Helper, by M.N. Snow
Vacancy: A Love Story (A Love Story), by Tracey Ewens
Wrong Number, Right Guy (Bourbon Street Boys, 1), by Elle Casey
Wrong Place, Right Time (Bourbon Street Boys, 2), by Elle Casey
Wrong Question, Right Answer (Bourbon Street Boys, 3), by Elle Casey
Wrong Turn, Right Question (Bourbon Street Boys, 4), by Elle Casey
Candidate: A Love Story (A Love Story), by Tracey Ewens
If You Find Me, by Emily Murdoch
The Peripheral, by William Gibson
Wash, by Margaret Wrinkle
This Is The Way, by Gavin Corbett
The Improbability of Love, by Hannah Rothschild
Atticus, by Ron Hansen
Different Seasons, by Stephen King