



CHARACTER NAME GUIDE

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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 | Courrèges | 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