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Call the Midwife

Character Back Stories

Jenny Lee

Jenny Lee has been fascinated by the medical profession ever since she was a child. She loved the thought of helping others by using science. She played nurse to her dolls. Jenny was always a good student, but not the top of the class. She found it even harder once she left home and discovered boys and having a little too much fun. That all came to a halt when she was told that she was not going to pass her classes and would have to leave school. Jenny decided to reach out to her professor for help in improving her grades. Jenny spending more than just study time with her professor which led to a relationship she knew was bad for her. Jenny graduated and began working at a local hospital. She continued to spend time with her the professor, but began to realize he would not leave his wife. Jenny knew the life she was living was wrong and knew she could not trust herself to stay away from him unless she started over somewhere new. Jenny took the first job she could find. It sounded like a nice place, a small private Hospital in London. To her surprise the East End was full of people who truly needed her help. Jenny took this as a good sign. Jenny was shocked by the conditions these people lived in and set forth to be of service. Her work was her distraction and she was doing good every day. Her new friends became family and she even attempted to fall for the boy that seemed to be the perfect fit, but her past would find her forcing Jenny to stop running and make a decision to be her own person and cut all ties to the man from her past. With a fresh

outlook on her life Jenny can now truly focus on her work and not feel as if she is hiding from the secrets of her past.

Sister Evangelina

Rough and tumble, Sister Evangelina has always been considered a no nonsense kind of person. She grew up in the in a poor neighborhood, always working for everything she ever got. She doesn't have time to waste with anything that holds up the process, whether it is with a work or in someone's personal life. She does however give credit where it is due with those that push the boundaries to better the world around them. Evangelina struggled as a girl to do what was best for her family after her father died. He was not able to get the medical treatment needed and died shortly after an injury from an accident at the docks. Evangelina was young, but her brother worked hard and she picked up odd jobs as she could to help the family. Her sister however was not as helpful to the family choosing to leave home for the promise of fun with the wrong type of man. She returned two years later ill with no hope of recovery. Evangeline put her anger aside and cared for her till her dying day, becoming closer than ever before and leaning on her faith to get her through the rough days and the support of her community helped her be strong. After her sisters passing Evangelina decided that she knew that there were others in her own community that needed the same care that her sister had need. She chose to give her life to the church in order to gain the education to give back to her community. She went on to use her strength, bravery, and skill to assist men on the front Lines of World War I and again ad her own door step during World War II. Still sharing her strength

and skill with the community she has also become a driving member of the Nonnatus House family, nudging the girls to follow their passions and not waste a day of life on this Earth.

Sister Monica Joan

Sister Monica Joan may have grown up in a life of luxury, but she never looked upon others as being beneath her. Her best friend was a girl that was the daughter of the maid. They did not get along at first; with a difference in station the girl did not trust her intentions. As time went by they grew inseparable. The fun would not last as Monica Joan's family did not approve of her spending time with the help and sent her to boarding school. Her parents would however not stop her from going to her friend's aide when she fell ill and not able to receive medical treatment. Monica Joan rushed to her side, with a pair of earrings she had taken from her mother's jewelry box to pay for a doctor, but was unable to get the doctor there in time. She blamed her parents for keeping her away and allowing such a tragedy to occur. She decided at that moment that she would dedicate her life to helping those in need and becoming one of the first female certified nurses of her time. Taking her vows to become a nun shortly after being certified she worked to improve the lives of the less fortunate and put herself in danger to assist others in World War I and even as much as she could assist in World War II. She chose not to look back, but to see the beauty in today. She even found a friend to nag for fun just like the one she had many moons ago. Now that she is slipping away she evaluates her life, but truly sees that her path was her own and the true path she was guided to take.

Sister Julienne

Sister Julienne is the rock of stability to the Nonnatus House. She has come by the position easily due to growing up in a house full of younger siblings. She found joy in the everyday care of her siblings. She was their stability for a long time as her mother recovered from an illness that almost took her life, but with the aid given by the local Parish her mother still lives. Julienne credits her faith and the medical knowledge that the doctor and nurses had caring for her mother. She prayed every day for her recovery by hand of faith and medicine. She was spared much heart ache because of their tireless efforts to cure her mother. Julienne was so inspired by their kind acts that she promised that she would do the same in her life and return the love and medical care to those in need. She left home at 18 to become a nurse and soon after took her vows as a nun. She quickly became of great value with her negotiation and medical knowledge. When she was asked to become the head of Nonnatus House she jumped at the chance to do good for those who needed it the most.

Sister Bernadette

Intelligent, curious, and kind Sister Bernadette views every day as a new discovery. As a child Bernadette loved to discover and research what she found in nature. She was also kind caring for injured animals that she found as she explored the surrounding countryside. Bernadette was the best student in her class and wanted to continue her education so that she could learn more about the world. Nursing was the perfect fit; she was able to combine her love of science with helping others. She became extremely focused on her work only taking

time for her faith. Becoming a part of the church seemed to be the next logical step for Bernadette. It would allow her to travel and share her knowledge with others, teaching other nurses proper techniques and new procedures. Sister Bernadette spent several years traveling and teaching, but was asked to go where the need was greatest in the East End of London. She was finally settled, still able to teach the younger nurses and able to practice with the patience that needed special care. She loved her community and family at Nonnatus house, but every once in a while she slowed down enough to see what she may have missed by being so focused. She sees the girls go out for the evening and for a moment wishes she was one of them.

Cynthia Miller

Cynthia may seem like a meek girl, but she cares deeply for her patients and is ready to do whatever it takes to get the job done. No one ever expected much from Cynthia. It all seemed to be planned out. Just like all the girls she grew up with, she would go to school, find a husband, and become a mother. That was the plan, except Cynthia didn't feel like she fit in with the other girls. She wanted to learn more, to be more than just what was planned. It's not that she thought it sounded so terrible, she just felt pulled to another calling. Cynthia found out what that was when her meek nature was put to the test when her brother fell and gashed his leg open. Cynthia jumped into action not at all phased by the sight and aided her brother until the doctor could arrive. She cared for him for weeks, preventing gangrene from setting in and saving his leg. She knew from that moment on she wanted to be a nurse. She applied to a program and was accepted soon after. She remained focused and happy to learn though her

education, but nothing a school prepared her for what she would see in the real world. She accepted a position at the Nonnatus House right after graduation. The conditions that the people lived in were atrocious. These people were desperate for help and most didn't feel they even deserved it. Cynthia knew that she had found her place.

Trixie Franklin

Trixie has always been the center of the party, but that didn't mean that she would ever turn her back on someone in need. Trixie grew up on a farm with her parents and grandparents. Everyone worked hard, even Trixie as a young girl and even though she didn't mind helping she loved when she was told she could go spend time with her friends. She had her most fun dancing and spending time with the local boys. A lot of that fun time was taken away when her grandfather became ill and needed to be a great deal of care. Trixie put aside her fun for 3 years as she made sure her grandfather was comfortable in his last days. He was grateful for her love and all that she had learned from the visiting doctors. Just before he passed he asked her to not let this time be wasted and go forth and become a nurse. He could see that she truly had skill and passion for helping others and to go out in the world and enjoy being young. He then gave her a gift. It was a small brown envelope with enough money to pay for her education. She promised that she would put it to good use and that she did. Shortly after his death she enrolled in school and never looked back. She traveled around to several small town Hospitals in her first couple of years as a nurse, but jumped at the chance to live in the City

when offered a position at the Nonnatus House. Trixie kept her promise and dove into her work, but made sure to take time to enjoy her youth.

Chummy Browne (Noakes)

Camilla Fortescue-Cholomondely-Browne to be precise is the name given to her by her mother, Lady Browne. Chummy was raised primarily in a boarding school and prepped to live life as part of the upper crust of society. Dining with dignitaries and sipping tea with the queen. She however never fit in to her surroundings attempting to play the part for many years.

Although tall and sometimes clumsy these things were not the reason for Chummy's disconnect from the world with which she came. Her biggest fear is and sadness is the loveless relationship with her mother and the indignation she dispenses on to Chummy. Despite the disapproval she chooses a path that her family looked down upon and became a nurse using her fear to fuel her determination. Desiring to find her calling she traveled to Africa to assist doctors in remote villages. Finding passion in her work she then set her sights on The East End of London. Always giving it everything, she began a new adventure once again to the disapproval of her family.

Once she arrived she faced a few challenges that were to her surprise the complete opposite of what she expected, but soon won everyone over with her determination and positive outlook.

Chummy's life takes a happy turn when she literally crashes into the man of her dreams. In spite of a visit from her mother which almost cost her everything Chummy realizes that Peter is the final piece in the puzzle to truly be her-self and be happy in her own skin. She stands up to her mother and gains respect for herself.

Fred

The care taker of Nonnatus House, he is presented to us as the kind hearted schemer. Always trying to find his next money making idea, Fred seems to stay upbeat and always have a kind word or a funny comment about the kitchen table conversations. Fred comes from a large family that struggled to get put food on the table. He found a way to help his mother by enlisting early to the military. With little to no education he was a foot soldier in the army. When the war started he fought his best and saw many lives lost. After leaving the service he searched for work never quite finding his place and falling on the hard times not able to eat. In a time of desperation he asked if he could assist the Nuns of Nonnatus House for a meal. They gave him so much more by making him earn his keep. Fred now happily assists the any takes great or small taking pride in how he can lend a hand. We learn that Fred doesn't realize how important and cared for he is in return by the residence of Nonnatus House, but through yet another plan for a pay day he opens himself up and his assured that he is loved. We see him beam with happiness and contentment knowing that he is a part of a family and needed as much as anyone else in the house.

Dr. Patrick Turner

The patients of the East End look to Dr. Turner when the very worst occurs. Dr. Patrick Turner is an intelligent man that must make the hard call as to who needs him the most. He

puts full trust in the Midwives and with that knows that if they call it must be a worst case scenario. He like the nurses walks into every situation and treats the patient not the surrounding in which they find themselves. He know when it is time to step back and simply guide the situation. He seems to be a man that cares, but his bed side manner can sometimes come off as clinical due to all that he has seen over the years. He was raised in a well off family just beyond the despair of the East End. He had often gone there as a child to see how the other half lived, but being in a family with a lineage of doctors he followed his father's path. Patrick on the other hand saw the hardships of war, the toll it took on the underprivileged when he served his country. At that point he made a life changing decision to give what he could for the greater good. He decided that along with his practice he would go where the other doctors refused to set foot. He would be a part of the national health program and help those who would otherwise have no medical care. He may be a bit clinical at times, but has good intentions.

Police Constable Peter Noakes

Peter is a kind man who loves his family and looks to the good in all people. He has always wanted to help others and after losing his Father in an accident while on duty he knew that was the most honorable life to lead. The very day he was old enough to become a Police Constable like his father he enrolled with his Mother's love and support backing him he quickly became a respected part of the community. Always striving for the peaceful solution Peter walks the streets of the East End keeping its residence safe. Peter has remained in his

Mother's home to help support her and his younger siblings, but his head has recently been turned by the newest Nurse at Nonnatus House. She is brave, caring and everything he could wish for in the perfect woman. With a leap of faith and a full heart he knows when to grab love by the hand and run with it. Despite a few bumps in the road which almost lead to the end of their relationship, love prevailed and we see Peter and Chummy happily begin a life together.

Jimmy

Despite coming from a family that was well established, Jimmy has always had an adventurous and sometimes mischievous personality. Growing up he was always the one that snuck off and ended up ruining his best clothes. Now that he is in his twenties Jimmy knows he has just a little bit of time left for freedom of escapades and must soon choose a life path. He has had feelings for Jenny for a few years now always imagining that she would fit well in his life once the antics of childhood passed. He has always known that he must grow up and follow his Father's line of work, he has simply taken every measure to enjoy every moment he has with no responsibility. Jimmy can usually get his way with a smile and a kind word. Never meaning to be insincere he truly doesn't understand the hardships of the world around him. He still lives in the idealistic perceptions of the world that he grew up believing. He however will do what he can to help a friend regardless of understanding their life choices. He overall has good intentions, but lacks the depth of character built by life experience.