

One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest Cast of Characters

Randle P. McMurphy (30's) - Fun loving con man, gambler, and backroom brawler. He has a wide open extroverted air that is a harsh contrast to the environment of the ward and puts him in sharp conflict with Nurse Ratched.

Nurse Ratched (late 30 – 40's) – The head nurse. “A handsome woman” who is seemingly warm and friendly. Using intimidation and manipulation, she is the ultimate authority of the ward.

Chief Bromden (30-50's) – Tall and big but carries himself like a small man. Hospitalized for 10 years, longer than anyone, he suffers from paranoia and hallucinations. Seemingly deaf and dumb, he is the narrator of the play.

Aide Warren (20-30's) Day time aide. Unquestioningly follows Nurse Ratched's orders.

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Nurse Flynn (20's) – Nurse aide to Ratched. Young and eager, had a strict Catholic upbringing.

Dale Harding (30-40's) A college educated and effeminate man who is psychologically “castrated”. Married, he is a homosexual trying to live a heterosexual life. He is voluntarily in the hospital to avoid the pressures of social judgement.

Billy Bibbit (20-30's) – Looks young for his age. He is a stuttering, insecure man who is dominated by his mother and afraid of the outside world.

Stanlon (50's) A patient voluntarily committed to the hospital. He has fantasies of blowing things up.

Cheswick (40-50's) – A patient, eager and quick to argue or fight. Aggressively defiant yet cringing. He's all talk and no action.

Martini (30-40's) – A patient, “a little Italian man”, eager and bright eyed. He lives in a world of delusional hallucinations.

Ruckly (30-50's) – A patient, “blank-faced and empty eyed”. He is a victim of electro-shock therapy and an unsuccessful lobotomy. Spends much of his time standing as if crucified against a wall and uttering the occasional profanity.

Dr. Spivey (40-50's) – Administrator of the mental institution. Calm and mature. He doubts anything is wrong with McMurphy's mind but defers to the opinion of Nurse Ratched.

Candy Starr (20-30's) - An attractive, fun loving prostitute with a “heart of gold”. Longtime friend of McMurphy.

Sandra (30-40's) – Candy's older and less attractive friend. Friend of McMurphy.

Aide Turkle (40-60's) Night time aide. He has a weakness for alcohol and marijuana. Is easily manipulated by McMurphy.

Technician (20-40's) Works in the electroshock therapy room.