

Fallen Blossom: Character List

Oshima and friends

Oshima Kai – recently invalided out of the army – accountant and sometime private detective

Adachi – Oshima's friend; greengrocer in Oshima's neighbourhood

Sato – Oshima's friend; retired schoolteacher who still tutors students privately

Nakajima Michiko – Oshima's housekeeper; she has a rather dubious past

Aunt Maeda – Oshima's aunt

Waka, (nickname of Sano sensei) – son of Oshima's old martial arts teacher

Ono – one of Waka's students

Other neighbours and locals

Ito – ("Old Ito"), a retired farmer and odd job man

Nori (Osako Noriko) – an old friend of Nakajima

Mrs Bando – a neighbour

Mrs Kuroda – the landlady of a cheap lodging house

Koizumi – one of Sato's students

Hayashi, Ueda, Ishibashi – neighbours and members of neighbourhood patrol

Miyahara – caretaker of the old neighbourhood temple

The Ito family

Old Ito – a retired farmer and odd job man (see above)

Old Ito's two sons – the younger has taken over his farm

Fusae (Murata Fusae) – Old Ito's daughter, widow of Murata Koji (see below)

Military

General Akagi – "The General", Oshima's old army commander, now works in the General Affairs Bureau of the General Staff

Lt. Shirai Kensaku – successor to Oshima as General Akagi's aide

Colonel Asada – soldier, member of faction favouring expanding the war effort

Major-general Sugita – soldier, ally of Colonel Asada

Tokita – a military officer concerned with logistics in Manchuria and China

Corporal Endo – a young army recruit

Murata Nobu – a young army recruit

Murata Koji – Murata Nobu's older brother, killed in the war

Kudo – a driver

Various

Takahashi Kosetsu – a charismatic Zen priest and calligrapher

Detective Okada – a friend of Sato

Detective Umeda – a police officer