

Spelling list: Characters in Anita and Me

Anita and Me by Meera Syal is a coming-of-age story set in the 1970s in a small English mining village. The protagonist, Meena, is a young Indian girl who befriends Anita, a rebellious and confident local girl. Through their friendship, Meena navigates issues of identity, racism, and cultural clashes, ultimately finding her place in a changing society. The novel explores the complexities of growing up in a multicultural world.

Meena	Meena is the main character and narrator.
Anita	Anita is three years older than Meena.
Nanima	Nanima is Meena's grandmother.
Sam	Sam Lowbridge is the leader of the village boys.
Alan	'Uncle' Alan is the local methodist youth leader.
Omerod	Mr. Omerod is the shopkeeper.
Topsy	Mr. Topsy only has this name because he calls Meena 'Topsy'.
Mireille	Mireille is the French lady who takes care of Meena.