

Spelling list: Characters in Chains

Chains by Laurie Halse Anderson follows Isabel Gardener, an enslaved girl in Revolutionary War-era New York City. She and her sister Ruth serve the cruel Madam Lockton. When Isabel is recruited as a spy for the Patriots, she navigates loyalty, freedom, and the complexities of war in her quest for liberty.

Isabel	The novel's protagonist, Isabel Gardener, is a young African American girl who is enslaved in New York City.
gardener	Isabel Gardener is determined, resourceful, and dreams of freedom.
Ruth	Ruth Gardener communicates with her sister Isabel using sign language.
Lockton	Madam Lockton is a wealthy and ruthless slaveowner.
Elihu	Madam Lockton's husband, Elihu , is initially sympathetic to Isabel and Ruth's plight, but he later becomes less empathetic.
Curzon	Curzon , a fellow slave and Isabel's ally and friend, introduces her to the idea of working for the Patriots during the Revolutionary War.
Bellingham	Mr. Bellingham is a kind and wealthy man who is sympathetic to the Patriot cause.
Seymour	Lady Seymour is an Englishwoman who befriends Isabel and Ruth, offering them assistance and support.
Becky	Becky Berry is a free African American girl who becomes friends with Isabel.
Berry	Becky Berry works as a spy for the Patriots.
Morse	Captain Morse is a Patriot officer who recruits Isabel to work as a spy for the American cause.