



# *The Suspects*

## *Kathleen Merwin*

Kathleen owns Merwin Events, a boutique event planning and execution company. Kathleen is reputed to be the best event planner in the area, and people pay thousands just for the chance to have her consult on their party or event. Efficient yet graceful, Kathleen is happy to be behind the scenes, ensuring everything is going smoothly while her hosts take the glory for the event. She is lovely and graceful, and wears an elegant cocktail dress.

## *Anita Rooney*

A tenacious go-getter, Anita Rooney is vivacious and boisterous, joyful and fun. She has a wide smile that will brighten any room, a boon in her career as partner at Merwin Events, a boutique event planning company owned by Kathleen Merwin. Always immaculately put together, Anita wears a designer dress, loaned to her by her good friend, fashion designer Clement Martinez.

## *Marilou Cutrone*

Marilou is the wife of a local pastor at a church that, each week, is packed with stars and celebrities. Because of this, she is invited to a number of high-society events each year, and this is her fifth year attending Betty Crosby's Christmas Party. Don't be fooled by her public position however – where most people expect her to be mild-mannered and kind, she can be quite the opposite; catty and quick to gossip! With the caliber of parishioners through the doors each Sunday, the church does quite well, and Marilou has worn her only designer dress to the Winter Wonderland party this evening.

## *Seline Ruse*

One of the country's most renowned musicians, Seline is a professional harpist, and plays with the local philharmonic orchestra. A woman in high demand, having her present to play at Betty Crosby's party tonight would have cost The Crosbys a pretty penny. Seline is beautiful, elegant and tasteful, and even though she is at the party working, could be one of the best-dressed in attendance. She wears a long, elegant dress.

## *Matilda Teasport*

Betty Crosby's Personal Assistant Matilda is vapid and self-entitled. Obsessed with appearances, high society and celebrity gossip, Matilda is seemingly the perfect person for the job. Her smart phone is like her third hand, and she has been deemed the "Queen of the Selfies" by her close-knit group of party friends. Matilda has shiny hair, perfectly-manicured nails and tends to use the word "like" as though it's a form of punctuation. She wears a daring designer dress that draws gasps of both shock and admiration, and a pair of sparkly heels.

## *Morgan Quick*

Pop princess Morgan Quick began her career as a country singer, and has since made the switch to pop music. At just 26 years old, she has already released five albums, the songs on which she wrote herself, has had 20 number one songs and won eight Grammy awards. Growing up in the industry, Morgan is constantly under scrutiny and in the public eye, and some say her early success has made her over-confident and has doomed her love life. She has appeared in a number of films, and has even lent her voice to some animated movies, and has won awards for her philanthropy. Not surprisingly, she prides herself on making the largest donation at Betty Crosby's Christmas Party each year. Morgan wears a frilly designer dress and heels.

## *Zoe Murphy*

Party guest Zoe Murphy is young and vivacious. An adventurous young woman, Zoe is an expert on fashion, and obsessed with celebrity and society. She spends her afternoons pouring over weekly celebrity magazines, and lives to read the best and worst dressed lists. According to a quiz taken in one of those same magazines, Zoe is a dreamer, and believes there's nothing she can't accomplish – becoming famous herself included. She wears a designer dress and designer heels.

## *Douglas Goodwine*

Self-made millionaire and business tycoon Douglas Goodwine is a celebrity in his own right. After earning his millions, he agreed to be a part of a television show called Money Tank, on which aspiring business owners pitch their business ideas to venture capitalists in the hopes of striking a deal that could make their idea an overnight success. Upon meeting Douglas, there is no question as to why he is so successful. Though relatively soft-spoken, Douglas is tenacious and the things he does say ooze business brilliance. This is his second year attending Betty Crosby's Christmas Party, and while he is one of the biggest donors to Betty's charity of choice for the party, he has no compunction about arriving in a head-turning, perfectly-tailored designer suit.

## *Bo Bronzo*

Extravagant and over-the-top, Bo is a celebrity stylist, and is attending tonight's party in a working capacity; Betty Crosby is one of her biggest clients. Charged with hair, make-up and keeping clients in the latest fashions, Bo is shallow and indifferent, believing that fashion and celebrity as a whole are the most important things in life. It's this mentality that keeps her wealthy and in constant demand among socialites and Hollywood's elite. Always busy and on-edge, Bo scampers around in a designer dress that has those "in the know" raving, and those who aren't up on the latest runway fashions scratching their heads.

## *Joseph Crosby*

Husband of the party host Betty Crosby, Joe is an international football sensation. His moves on the field have scored him a giant contract with the local team, as well as numerous endorsement deals. In spite of this, Joseph remains level-headed about his celebrity. While his wife Betty enjoys spending his money on extravagant things, Joseph is dedicated to making a difference in the world, and has recently started his own charity called The Crosby Foundation. With his busy schedule, he has designated his wife Betty the head of the foundation. Joseph wears a designer suit, and wears it very well.

## *Sebastian Baer*

A local philanthropist, Sebastian is an outgoing and friendly man with a magnetic personality. This definitely benefits the foundation he started – a local outreach program that brings library books and equipment to schools in low-income areas. He has won awards for his community work, and until last year, Betty Crosby's annual Christmas Party was the foundation's biggest fundraising source. Sebastian wears a stunning, well-cut suit that does not carry a designer tag.

## *Pastor Patrick Cutrone*

Pastor at the local church, Patrick Cutrone spends his days rubbing shoulders with socialites and celebrities. His church has become known as a place where the social elite can come each Sunday without the paparazzi following them, without having to give autographs and without the whispers that usually follow those of any sort of celebrity status. He often counsels in private in his office, and jokes that his duties also include therapist and business adviser. Pastor Patrick is attending Betty Crosby's Winter Wonderland Party with his wife, Marilou, and wears a humble pair of slacks and a dress shirt.

## *Evan Hoffman*

Local politician Evan Hoffman is gearing up for the upcoming mayoral election. As a local counselor, he has been involved in politics since he was in University and knows how to work a room. The preferred candidate of both the host Betty and her husband Joseph, Evan Hoffman's campaign is largely sponsored by the power-couple. Evan is tenacious and dedicated to his candidacy, and while he knows his presence at tonight's party will help his campaign, he is a regular at Betty Crosby's Christmas party even when it's not an election year. Evan wears a sensible black suit.

## *Jason Falk*

A middle-aged local businessman, Jason is seasoned and savvy. While he plays his cards close to his chest, his intentions in business are clear: total domination. He has a shifty glance but holds himself with distinguished confidence. Jason wears a designer suit and dress shoes that are worth more than most people make in a year.

## *Natalya Hall*

Classically beautiful, Natalya Hall is a mystery guest at Betty Crosby's Winter Wonderland party this year – no one seems to know who she is! Amidst a guest list of celebrities and socialites, Natalya seems to be the odd one out, although her grace and poise allow her to fit in, as though someone who the other guests should already know. Natalya wears a stunning designer dress and a pair of daring heels.

## *Danielle Drake*

A stranger to most at the Winter Wonderland party, Danielle is quiet and polite, beautiful and confident. She doesn't give away a lot about herself, which just adds to her air of mystery. Danielle Drake wears an impossibly-classy designer dress.

## *Alexa García*

Best friend of Betty Crosby, Alexa Garcia is the wife of Manny Garcia, the famous football player, and Manny and Betty Crosby's husband play for the same team, which is how the two met. Over the years, they have grown close, and know almost everything about one another. As is typical for the wife of a football star, Alexa is immaculately-groomed and completely gorgeous. She wears a designer dress and heels.

## *Manny García*

Close friend of Joseph Crosby, Manny Garcia is a football star in his own right. Playing on the same team as Joseph, the two have been called "a dynamic duo". Manny's contracts yield he and his wife, Alexa, nearly as much as the Crosbys, and the Crosbys consider The Garcias among their closest friends. Manny is stylish and fun-loving, and wears a perfectly-cut designer suit.