

Characters in August Wilson's  
**JOE TURNER'S COME AND GONE**

*All characters are African American except for Rutherford Selig.*

**Seth Holly:** Age 45-50. The pragmatic owner of the Pittsburgh boarding house where the play is set.

**Bertha Holly:** Age 40-45. Seth's wife and co-owner of the boarding house, who is more understanding and nurturing than Seth.

**Bynum Walker:** Age 60. A "conjure man" or "rootworker" who practices folk magic and offers spiritual guidance. He is a central figure in the play's themes of identity and spiritual searching. — SIMILAR ROLE TO AUNT ESTHER, though she's not mentioned in JTC&G

**Herald Loomis:** Early 30s. A man searching for his lost wife and a sense of self after being illegally enslaved on a chain gang by Joe Turner. He arrives at the boarding house with his daughter.

**Zonia Loomis:** Age 11. Herald's young daughter, accompanying him on his search.

**Rutherford Selig:** Age 45-50. A white peddler who has a unique connection to the boarding house residents as a "people finder."

**Jeremy Furlow:** Age 25. A young, cheerful boarder and musician, looking for love and a stable life.

**Mattie Campbell:** Age 26. A young woman seeking Bynum's help to bring back her estranged lover.

**Molly Cunningham:** Age 25. An independent and spirited young woman who also boards at the house.

**Reuben Mercer:** Age 10-11. A boy who lives next door to the boarding house and befriends Zonia.

**Martha Pentecost (Loomis):** Age 28. Herald Loomis's wife, whom he has been searching for.