

Character	Age Range	Description
Fern	Tween-Teen	An eight-year-old girl who saves Wilbur from being killed as a piglet. Fern is compassionate and kind and quickly bonds with Wilbur as she cares for him. She loves animals and spends much of her time in the Zuckermans' barn. She considers the barn animals her best friends.
Avery	Tween-Teen	Fern's brother. Avery has a lot of energy and is known to get into trouble. He often keeps animals and objects in his pockets.
Mr. Arable (John)	Late 30's – 40's	Fern's father and Wilbur's original owner. Mr. Arable is a practical farmer who focuses on hard work and providing for his farm animals and family.
Mrs. Arable (Martha)	Late 30's – 40's	Fern's mother. Mrs. Arable is patient with Fern when she saves Wilbur's life and even helps by bottle feeding him when Fern is at school. She becomes concerned about Fern when Fern tells her that her best friends are animals.
Wilbur	Adult	A pig that was the runt of the Arables' spring litter. Fern saves Wilbur from her father, Mr. Arable, and Wilbur is sold to the Zuckermans after Fern raises him like a baby. Wilbur is kind but naïve and responds to the world like a child. He idolizes Charlotte and tries to live up to her positive view of him.

Young Wilbur	Child	Sweet and Kind- will be Wilbur for the start of the show.
Homer Zuckerman – Fern’s Uncle	30’s – 40’s	The man who buys Wilbur. Mr. Zuckerman is Fern’s uncle who agrees to buy Wilbur. He takes good care of his animals, giving Wilbur a safe place to live and good food. He plans to slaughter Wilbur for Christmas dinner before Charlotte’s webs convince him otherwise.
Edith Zuckerman – Fern’s Aunt	30’s – 40’s	Mr. Zuckerman’s wife. She recognizes that Charlotte is a special spider.
Lurvy	20’s – 40’s	A worker at Zuckerman’s farm. He is active and hard-working.
Templeton	Flexible	A rat that lives in the Zuckerman barn. Templeton is selfish and only does things to help others when he knows it will benefit him as well. He is known for being sneaky and is not trusted by the other animals in the barn. However, his cunning and tendency to collect things makes him useful.
Charlotte	Teen-Adult	A spider that lives in the doorway of the barn at Zuckerman’s farm. Charlotte is kind, knowledgeable, and wise. She befriends Wilbur and proves herself to be both a faithful friend and a patient teacher. She is clever and comes up with an idea to save Wilbur’s life.

Goose / Gander	Teen-Adult	Always together, both stutter, are protective of their eggs/children
Goslings / Sheep / Lambs	Youth – Teens	Barnyard animals, interact with Wilbur, friendly/curious
Chorus (3)	Teen-Adult	Partial Narrators – must work well together, & respond quickly to each other – very expressive
Uncle	Tween-Adult	Large Pig, very arrogant, somewhat condescending to Wilbur
Reporter / Photographer / Spectator's / Judges / Fairgoers / Announcer	Flexible – Youth through Adult needed	Ensemble roles, may be doubled