



## Character Descriptions

**MARY POPPINS (Emily Blunt)** is the practically-perfect nanny whose unique magical skills can turn any ordinary task into a fantastic adventure. Returning once again to the home of the Banks family having not aged a single day, the enigmatic governess helps the next generation of the Banks family find the joy and wonder missing in their lives following a personal loss.

An old friend of Mary Poppins, **JACK (Lin-Manuel Miranda)** is a charming and eternally optimistic lamplighter. Together, they take the Banks' children on a series of whimsical adventures and introduce them to colorful characters, bringing life, love and laughter back into their home.

**MICHAEL BANKS (Ben Whishaw)** was just a child when Mary Poppins first visited the Banks home, but he is now a grown man with a family of his own. Temporarily employed by Fidelity Fiduciary Bank in London, the same financial institution where his father and grandfather worked before him, he lives with his three children at 17 Cherry Tree Lane, but times are tough in Depression-era London, especially as the family is struggling to cope with the recent death of his wife.

The daughter of a suffragette, **JANE BANKS (Emily Mortimer)** has inherited her mother's enthusiasm for good causes. While always busy promoting workers' rights, she finds time to help her brother Michael and his children every chance she gets.

**ELLEN (Julie Walters)**, the Banks' inefficient yet well-meaning and warmhearted housekeeper, is practically family, having worked at 17 Cherry Tree Lane since Jane and Michael were children. But these days the house is rundown and in a constant state of chaos.

**ANNABEL BANKS (Pixie Davies)** is the bright and strong-willed daughter of Michael Banks, who, along with her twin brother John, has taken on more adult responsibilities around the house since her mother's passing.

**JOHN BANKS (Nathanael Saleh)** is the perceptive and thoughtful eldest son of Michael Banks. He is protective of his twin sister Annabel and younger brother Georgie and steps up to the plate to assist his father following his mother's death.

Eight-year-old **GEORGIE BANKS (Joel Dawson)** is a beacon of light in the Banks' home, his cheerful nature piercing the sadness which has recently filled the house. He is quick to embrace Mary Poppins, urging Annabel and John to accept her magical ways.

**WILLIAM WEATHERALL WILKINS (Colin Firth)** runs Fidelity Fiduciary Bank, the financial institution where Michael Banks currently works. While he appears to be a congenial and altruistic mentor to Banks, he is actually duplicitous and shrewd, as he is in the process of foreclosing on the Banks' home.

A distant cousin of Mary Poppins with whom she has a contentious but lovable relationship, **COUSIN TOPSY (Meryl Streep)** runs a fix-it shop which turns upside down the "Second Wednesday" of every month. Quite eccentric with an untraceable accent, she discovers the value of seeing things from a "new point of view."

In addition to playing Bert in the first film, **Dick Van Dyke** also played the role of Mr. Dawes, the chairman of the bank. Now, he's playing *that* character's son, **MR. DAWES, JR.**, who had taken his father's place as the chairman of Fidelity Fiduciary Bank, but has recently been forced to retire.

**THE BALLOON LADY (Angela Lansbury)** is a magical character who holds court in the park near Cherry Tree Lane, selling balloons and dispensing wisdom to park visitors.

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