

COUNTERCULTURE DREAMS MAIN CHARACTERS

DANNY WILLIAMSON, b. June 1945 – lives at Chatsworth, a north shore suburb of Sydney – tall, handsome and rugged – a gifted sportsman, especially in Rugby – begins university 1963 – comes into contact with counterculture leader Ronnie Newell, who befriends him – begins a relationship with Cathy Dunn – has trouble resisting the enticements of Laila Fairburn, one of counterculture leader Ronnie Newell’s girlfriends.

ANGELA WILLIAMSON b. Sept 1947 – Danny’s sister – clever, whimsical, beautiful, playful, makes a joke and satire of everything – seems to be leading Danny’s mate, Max, on, but nobody is sure – warns Danny about his contact with Ronnie Newell and his girlfriends, Laila and Freya.

STEPHANIE b. Aug. 1949 – Danny’s sister, sweet, innocent, adores her older brother, Danny.

ROBERT Williamson, b. 1943 – Danny’s older brother, staid, religious, and critical of Danny and his behaviour – works as an electrician and regards Danny and his university friends with scorn.

BARBARA BARRINGTON – Robert’s girlfriend b. 1942, a senior teacher at Angela and Stephanie’s school, St Michael the Archangel college – like Robert, staid, overbearing, lecturing, especially where Angela is concerned – Robert and Barbara announce engagement, Christmas 1965.

MIKE WILLIAMSON – Danny’s father (b. 1915) married June Compton (b. 1921) in 1942, while on leave from the war during which he fought with the Australian Army (AIF), his last posting in New Guinea – hard-working, serious and dour in character – preoccupied with the leftist influence on Australian society and the changes in the Catholic Church brought about by the Second Vatican Council.

JACK WILLIAMSON – Mike Williamson’s older brother, b. 1913 – Australian commando killed in attack on Walcheren, Holland, October 1944 – married English woman Julia Williamson, nee Ainsworth, b. 1918.

JOSEPH WILLIAMSON b. June 1941 – son of Jack Williamson – migrated to Australia and lives in Glenbrook, Blue Mountains, west of Sydney – married Australian girl Daisy Lacey – 2 children – real estate and property management.

JAMES WILLIAMSON, – son of Jack Williamson, born in London, April 1943 – lives in the London suburb of Chiswick – is completing his master’s degree in English literature –

works in his mother's bed-and-breakfast business – is planning to visit his Australian family.

CARL WILLIAMSON – brother of Mike Williamson, b. 1917 – married Mary Stafford – lives in Borough Lane, a suburb adjacent to Chatsworth – fought in the Australian navy – the most voluble and outspoken of his brothers and sisters – rages against the communists.

JEREMY WILLIAMSON, son of Carl Williamson, b. 1946 – spent four years at a minor seminary – left in 1962 because he was caught smoking but didn't want to continue, anyhow. He announced his departure from the seminary before they told him to go – he feels totally adrift in secular society and does not know how to adjust.

CATHY DUNN, b. March 1945, Danny's girlfriend – the relationship developed after Cathy asked Danny to accompany her to her school formal – she is moderate-looking but with an attractive, sympathetic manner that belied strong opinions on moral and social matters – she begins university with Danny in 1963, but at a different university, Arthur Phillip University.

Cathy Dunn's friends from St Michael's College:

Helen (Arts)

Geraldine (nursing)

Danny's football friends:

Tim Foley (Geraldine girlfriend) and

Mark Cooper (Helen girlfriend) – both engineering

SISTER JULIAN – later Sister Laura Mulligan – History teacher – Deputy Principal St Michael the Archangel College, North Harbour.

SISTER AGATHA – later Sister Nora Calwell – science teacher – Principal St Michael the Archangel, College, North Harbour.

NIALL GALLAGHER – owner of Gallagher's Book and Magazine Company – a positive character who encourages Danny as much as his son, Max – encourages Danny to join the company.

MAX GALLAGHER son of Niall Gallagher b. May 1945, good-looking, ebullient, positive like his father – has great expectations in his father's company – a skilled

footballer – lives on the south side of Sydney and attended a Rice Brothers' school, as Danny did – meets Danny after a school football match – they become best friends – has an eye for Angela although warned by her mother through Danny that Angela is strictly off limits – attends the same university as Danny, Mitchell University.

Rob, Charlie, Tony, and Liam – Gallagher's sales representatives.

RONNIE NEWELL b.1943 – spent a year working before starting uni – counterculture radical and leader – lives in Cremorne – editor of Jaz – finished university end of 1964 graduated April 1965 – started Jaz 1965 – left for London 1966 – befriends Danny and exercises much influence on him.

LAILA FAIRBURN b. 1944 – Ronnie Newell's girlfriend – finished university at the end of 1964, graduated in April 1965 – entices Danny Williamson away from Cathy Dunn – father is a successful businessman.

FREYA PETERSEN – daughter of a Swedish diplomat in Sydney – Matt Pierce's girlfriend – Danny also comes under her spell.

JAZ – a monthly counterculture magazine

MATT PIERCE b. 1943 – brilliant cartoonist – Freya Petersen, daughter of a Swedish diplomat is his girlfriend.

RICK WALKER – production manager for Jaz

HAM GREENACRE, ROHAN CALE, ALFIE LANDERS – radical student activists – tangle with Danny/

Kerrie – Max's temporary girlfriend

Phillipa – Kerrie's friend

Trish – one of Ronnie's girls

[Vérité] Sans Peur – Arthur Phillip's student newspaper.

Fr. Doyle – assistant parish priest at St Andrew's Parish who runs a discussion group.

Miss Nola Sharpe – publisher's editor – provides editorial tuition to Danny and Angela at Mr Gallagher's request.
