

The Cat Caliban Mysteries: Character List

Catatonía Arms Residents

Cat Caliban: widow, mother, grandmother, P.I. Owner of the Catatonía Arms.

Alice Rosenberg: Legal Aid attorney; lives above Cat with partner Melanie Carter.

Kevin O'Neill: bartender, gourmet cook, and walking encyclopedia; lives across the hall from Cat.

Melanie Carter: potter and practitioner of aikido, a martial art; lives above Cat with partner Alice Rosenberg.

Moses Fogg: retired Juvenile officer and eventually, holder of a P.I. license and business partner of Cat. Lives across the hall from Al and Mel with Winnie the beagle.

Sadie: a salt-and-pepper tiger cat, drama queen, and worrier.

Sidney: a small black cat, the youngest of the trio; very sociable and curious, he's been known to join poker and basketball games.

Sophie: a gray tiger cat, the mellowest of the trio.

Other Recurring Characters

Arnie Kovalchik: a professional computer hacker.

Barbara Hickson: aunt to Rocky Zacharias who is raising Rocky's three kids and three others in public housing.

Ben Grant: Cat's grandson and peripatetic disaster area. He's four in the first book.

"Bony" Brissard: forensics expert in the coroner's office.

Constance Perry: retired history teacher and local history expert; housemate to and collaborator with Constance Perry.

Curtis: friendly and articulate, something of a leader among the downtown Cincinnati street people.

Delbert Sweet: computer hacker who speaks Hackish with a Texas accent; Cat's first cousin once removed (her cousin's son).

Dennis Gorme: aka Wanda Wonderley, insurance salesman and drag performer, habitué of

Arnold's Bar and Grill.

Franny Caliban: Cat's youngest child; perpetual college student, guitar-playing off-key singer, and protester.

Jason Caliban: Cat's middle child; business executive with a third wife (Corinne), two step-children, and a baby.

Judy Flood: society reporter for the *Cincinnati Enquirer*.

Sgt. Fricke: a Cincinnati homicide cop and Cat's nemesis.

Greg Anderson: political reporter for the *Cincinnati Enquirer*.

Leon Jakes: neighborhood teenage business entrepreneur (painter, dog walker, and purveyor of silly greeting cards, among other enterprises) and sometime operative of Cat's. Everyone knows Leon and Leon knows everyone.

Louella Simmons: realtor and friend of Cat's.

Mabel Hofstetter: perpetual crafter and friend of Cat's.

Malvina Deeds: retired history teacher and principal, local history expert, widow, housemate to and collaborator with Constance Perry.

Maury Schwab: sports reporter for the *Cincinnati Enquirer*.

Rap Arpad: homicide detective and friend to Moses, regular attender of Wednesday night poker games at Moses's apartment.

Rocky Zacharias: former jump-rope champion known to Moses through his work as a Juvenile officer, spends more time in prison than out; mother to twins Retty and Patsy and son Elvis, aka Brother.

Sharon Grant: Cat's oldest child, a stockbroker; wife to Frank and mother to Ben.

Steel: Vietnam vet living on the streets in downtown Cincinnati.

