

Casting Breakdown (from the script):

The Book Club Play is a modern comedy featuring 6 principal characters: 3 female and 3 male, with up to five additional small roles for actors who deliver single monologues. (The small roles have a VERY flexible time commitment and only require regular evening attendance during full runs, tech, and the run of the show.) While the characters identify specifically as male and female, actors should audition for the roles that best suit their gender identity. As this is a play, there is no singing.

ANA SMITH (w): 30s. Pronounced "Ah-nuh." Beautiful. Charming. Smart. Accomplished. Organized. A columnist for a daily paper. The "Mother Bee." Her grace masks a need to control.

ROBERT NOVUM SMITH RJ (m): 30s. ANAs' golden-boy, handsome, charismatic, underachiever husband who is starting to search for meaning. Met in college. Upper-crust background.

WILLIAM LEE NOTHNAGEL (m): 30s. ROB's conservative, well-read, well-dressed, disciplined college roommate. ANAs' former boyfriend. History buff. Unmarried.

JENNIFER MCCLINTOCK (w): 30s. ANAs' friend. Pretty. Shy. Smart. Tends to burst out with awkward truthful comments. Despite some lack of self-confidence, she is the grounding center of the group. Unorganized and oblivious to her own attractiveness. Unmarried.

LILY LOUISE JACKSON (w): Black, 20s. A go-getter. Former debate captain who is on the cusp of all current trends and yet can still put her foot in her mouth in social occasions. Laughs at appropriate and inappropriate times. A great lover of books and ANAs' protégée at the paper.

ALEX (m): 30s. The new guy. A very smart, well-read academic who has lost his moorings and is searching for real connections. Professor of comparative literature.

Casting Note (from the script): ALEX can be cast in any race or ethnicity. LILY must be black. ANA, JEN, WILL and ROB can be any race and ethnicity except black.

Additional roles (may be doubled):

SAM, Wal-Mart guy

FRANK, Secret Service agent

ELSA, jaded literary agent

MRS. SIMPSON, skydiver

CARL, inmate book dealer.

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