

*The Princess Bride* features iconic characters defined by, and sometimes defying, fairy-tale tropes: Westley (the witty, devoted farm boy turned pirate hero), Buttercup (the beautiful, maturing tomboy), and Inigo Montoya (the determined, honorable master swordsman seeking revenge). They are opposed by the cowardly Prince Humperdinck, the arrogant Vizzini, and the sadistic Count Rugen.

### Key Character Descriptions

- Westley / Farm Boy / The Man in Black / Dread Pirate Roberts: The protagonist whose unwavering love for Buttercup drives his journey from a humble farm boy to a brave, witty, and skilled hero.
- Buttercup: The titular heroine, initially a feisty, tomboyish teenager who takes Westley for granted, but matures into a woman who deeply loves and fights for him.
- Inigo Montoya: A skilled Spanish fencer dedicated to finding and killing the six-fingered man who murdered his father.
- Fezzik: A large, gentle giant with immense strength and a kind heart, who is easily manipulated but loyal to Inigo.
- Vizzini: A smug, arrogant Sicilian criminal mastermind who prides himself on his intelligence, constantly using the word "inconceivable".
- Prince Humperdinck: The primary antagonist; a vain, cowardly, and hunting-obsessed prince who plans to marry Buttercup and start a war.
- Count Rugen: Humperdinck's right-hand man, a cruel sadist obsessed with studying pain and the creator of the "Machine".
- Miracle Max: A comedic, elderly miracle worker who helps bring Westley back from being "mostly dead".