

Based on the stage play adaptation by Christopher Sergel, *The Outsiders* centers on the intense rivalry between two groups: the working-class Greasers and the wealthy Socs. Key characters include narrator Ponyboy, the vulnerable Johnny, the tough Dally, and the caring Curtis brothers (Darry and Sodapop) navigating gang life.

The Greasers

- Ponyboy Curtis (Early Teens): The intellectual, sensitive narrator who looks for the good in the world.
- Johnny Cade (Early Teens): The "pet" of the gang, traumatized by home abuse and a severe beating by Socs.
- Dallas "Dally" Winston (Early 20s): The toughest, coldest, and meanest member, hailing from New York.
- Darrel "Darry" Curtis (20): Ponyboy's oldest brother, acting as a parental figure, athletic, and hardworking.
- Sodapop Curtis (Mid-Teens): The happy-go-lucky middle brother with a sweet disposition.
- Two-Bit Mathews (Early 20s): The wisecracking, humorous shoplifter of the group.

The Socs (Socials)

- Sherri "Cherry" Valance (16): A cheerleader who acts as a spy for the Greasers; she is "classy" and empathetic.
- Bob Sheldon (18): The arrogant, wealthy leader of the Socs who acts as a bully.
- Randy Adderson (18): Bob's right-hand man, who becomes disillusioned with the violence.
- Marcia (17): Cherry's best friend and, at times, more open to socializing with the Greasers.

Supporting Characters

- Sandy: Sodapop's girlfriend.
- Jerry Wood: A teacher who helps during the fire rescue.
- Mr. Syme: Ponyboy's English teacher.