

Character Descriptions for *The Gift of the Magi*:

Della - A young wife with only \$1.87 to buy her husband a Christmas present.

Jim - Della's husband. Overworked and worried about the future.

The Magi - Three storytellers with long memories and a mysterious origin.

The Grocer - A busy shopkeeper from Edinburgh.

The Vegetable Man - Constantly on the lookout for shoplifters and always at odds with his horse.

The Horse - A real neighsayer.

The Butcher - A fleischer from Dusseldorf without enough time or English to deal with hagglers.

The Employers - A trio of very knowledgeable businessmen. Probably the best in the world, to be perfectly honest. Yes, quite, quite. Couldn't have said it better myself.

Della's Reflections - Three images of Della who live on the other side of the pier-glass.

Madame Sofronie - Chilly, with a cutting personality.

The Watchmaker - A kind and generous artisan, patient and meticulous.