

## The Characters

### THE FAMILY

**ELLIE BLAKE**, our hero - 16, smart, funny; baggy, rumpled clothes; messy hair that hasn't seen a comb today, or yesterday

**KATHERINE BLAKE**, Ellie's mother - 40s, decisive, lovely, punctual

**FLETCHER BLAKE**, Ellie's brother - 10, eccentric, naïve; obsessed with his puppets, especially **ANGRY BOB**, an enraged purple hippo, and

**CASPIAN**, a proper British starfish

**MIKE**, Katherine's fiancé - confident, charming, kind

### THE STUDENTS

**GRETCHEN**, Ellie's best friend - intense, emotional, lacks confidence

**HANNAH**, also Ellie's best friend - hacker-geek, nerdgirl

**ADAM**, the Listmaster - a paragon of adorable cool

**SAVANNAH**, the villain - brilliant, aggressive, a winner

**PARKER**, Ellie's friend - completely average, best friends with Wells

**WELLS**, Ellie's friend - dorky but not meek, best friends with Parker

**LAUREL**, random teen - unimpressed

### THE ADULTS

**TORREY**, Katherine's assistant - a high-strung perfectionist

**GRANDPA GORDON**, Katherine's father - grumpy, stubborn, old-school

**GRANDMA HELENE**, Katherine's mother - fiercely opinionated, because she cares

**DANIELLE**, *Weddings Magazine* journalist - polished, grimly cheerful

**LOUIS**, *Weddings Magazine* photographer - seen it all, loves his job

**DR. EHRIN**, school counselor - test-obsessed, overworked

**MR. BLUMEN**, biology teacher - a cynical lifer

**PASTOR BRUNO**, cheerful, loves weddings

**MRS. LUCKENBILL**, English teacher - empathetic

**SEÑOR O'BRIEN**, Spanish teacher - pugnacious

**MS. MEYERS**, gym teacher - extremely intense

**OFFICERS SITZ and KOWALSKI**, police officers who never received sensitivity training

**MRS. TIME**, antique shop proprietor - apathetic, doesn't much like teenagers