



THE CHARACTERS IN BALLET SHOES



Gum - Great-Uncle Matthew Brown, who is Sylvia's great uncle and later on her guardian after her parents die. He finds the three sisters during his travels

Sylvia - Gum's niece who he has left looking after his house. She becomes a surrogate mother to the Fossil sisters

Nana - Sylvia's old nanny.

Pauline - The oldest of the three sisters, who was rescued from the titanic shipwreck. She is a talented and beautiful actress with an independent personality.

Petrova - The middle of the three sisters, who was adopted from couple that died in Russia. She is hardworking and diligent, and loves engines, aeroplanes, and cars.

Posy - The youngest of the three sisters, who was sent to the house by Gum with a pair of ballet shoes. While she is very young, she is already considered an excellent dancer.

Mr and Mrs Simpson - Two boarders in the house.

Doctor Jakes and Doctor Smith - Two retired professors (in literature and maths) that board at the house. They agree to teach Pauline and Petrova when they must leave school.

Madame Fidolia - A retired prima ballerina from Russia, who is the head of Madame Fidolia's Academy of Performing Arts. She is Posy's teacher.

Theo Dane - Another boarder and dance teacher at the Children's Academy of Classical Ballet.

Winifred - Another student at the Academy, who is both a friend and a rival of Pauline. Winifred is very talented, and her family needs the money from her acting career even more than the Fossils.