

ON GOLDEN POND

Characters

Norman Thayer, Jr. - A 79-year old man. On one hand he is boyish and peppery, having hung onto his vigor and his humor, but at the same time, he is grand, he has a manner, a way of speaking and of carrying himself.

Ethel Thayer - Still pretty at 69 and energetic beyond belief, she is Norman's opposite in many ways. She knows how to manage his moods and run interference when he's less than charming with others.

Charlie Martin - He's a big, round, 44-year old man, weather beaten face, smiling eyes. He is indeed a laugher, but not exactly "deficient". In his rustic, simple, thoughtful way, he is actually quite charming.

Chelsea Thayer Wayne - Pretty, if perhaps the tiniest bit heavy, 42-year old woman, athletic with a nervous edginess to her, and plenty of her father's humor.

Billy Ray Jr. - He is thirteen, short and flippant, but only to cover his awkwardness. He is eager and bright, but his posture is terrible.

Bill Ray - A tad self-serious but with a good sense of humor when he remembers to use it.

Operator - any adult

Setting: The living room of a summer home on Golden Pond in Maine.

Act I

Scene 1 - The middle of May. Early afternoon. (pp. 7-18)

Norman, Ethel

Scene 2 - The middle of June. Mid morning. (pp. 18-29)

Norman, Ethel, Charlie

Scene 3 - The middle of July. Early evening. (pp. 29-43)

Ethel, Norman, Chelsea, Billy, Bill

Act II

Scene 1 - The middle of August. Early morning. (pp. 44-56)

Norman, Billy, Ethel, Chelsea

Scene 2 - The middle of September. Late morning. (pp. 57-65)

Ethel, Norman, Bill, Chelsea

