

Characters in *The Tale of Genji*

Characters are listed wherever possible by Japanese designation and identified, with their English appellations and the chapters in which they appear.

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Oborozukiyo, Udaijin's sixth daughter, sister of Kokiden no Nyōgo I

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