

QUICK CARD: A WRINKLE IN TIME



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| <i>Reference</i> | <i>A Wrinkle In Time</i> . Madeleine L'Engle. (1962) ISBN-13: 978-0312367541 |
| <i>Plot</i> | When Meg and Charles Murray discover that their missing father is being held captive on a distant planet, they set off with their unusual neighbors, Mrs. Whatsit, Mrs. Who, and Mrs. Which, to rescue him. |
| <i>Setting</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Murray home • The children's school environment • The planet Uriel • The planet of the "Happy Medium" • The dark planet, Camazotz • The planet Ixchel, where Aunt Beast lives |
| <i>Characters</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meg Murray (protagonist) • Charles Wallace, Meg's gifted youngest brother • Calvin O'Keefe, a popular athlete and intelligent student at Meg's school who befriends Meg • Mrs. Whatsit, the youngest angelic being, who comes to the children disguised as a tramp • Mrs. Which, the eldest of the children's guardian angels, who has trouble materializing • Mrs. Who, the angel who speaks in quotations rather than putting her own thoughts together. • Mr. Murray, the children's missing father, a physicist who disappeared while doing classified work for the government on space-time travel in the fifth dimension • Mrs. Murray, the children's mother, also a brilliant scientist • Aunt Beast, a furry, tall, and blind space creature from planet Ixchel that tends to Meg when she's nearly killed by the Black Thing. • The Happy Medium, a seer who shows the kids Earth and the dark shadow that threatens it. • The Man with the Red Eyes, who lives on Camazotz. He tries to hypnotize the kids in CENTRAL by the power of IT. • Mr. Jenkins, an unfeeling school superintendent who doesn't understand Meg or her family. |

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| <p><i>Characters Continued</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sandy and Denny Murray, Meg and Charles Wallace’s siblings. • IT, the brain that controls all of Camazotz with a revolting, pulsing rhythm. Also the Black Thing the kids see from the other planets. IT is the evil trying to take over the universe. This is the antagonistic force opposing Meg. |
| <p><i>Conflict</i></p> | <p>Man vs. Society Man vs. Man (in this case, a supernatural enemy) Man vs. Self</p> |
| <p><i>Theme</i></p> | <p>The triumph of Good over Evil Conformity vs. Individuality Intelligence vs. Wisdom Head vs. Heart Redemptive Love</p> |
| <p><i>Literary Devices</i></p> | <p>Symbolism – Consider the implications of the planet names; consider what IT represents.</p> |