

## **The Pearl Character List**

**Kino** – A strong, young Native American; works hard to keep his family fed and protected. He has a strong connection to the ways of his people, but changes once he finds the great pearl. He must learn some difficult lessons by the end of the journey.

**Juana** – hard-working, serious, and able to endure great physical and emotional strain. She is a loving yet submissive wife and mother, but also shows her strong will when necessary.

**Coyotito** – the infant son of Juana and Kino who is stung by a scorpion

**The Doctor** –symbolizes evil and greed.The opposite of what one would expect of a doctor, whose job is to care for others, he is selfish, indulgent, and malevolent, and cares only about his own wealth and pleasure.

**The pearl-dealers** – conspire to give Kino the lowest estimate possible for the great pearl

**The neighbors** – often assemble as a procession to follow and support the family. While the neighbors present a unified front in the daylight, at night they attempt to realize their individual desires, in the privacy of darkness.

**The trackers** – three men, two on foot and one on horseback, who come from the town to capture Kino's family and pearl.

**The priest** – advises Kino and Juana to repeat his sermons and prayers. It seems at times he is only interested in the wealth that their pearl promises.

**Juan Tomas** – Juan Tomas is Kino's older brother, who provides his younger sibling with shelter, wisdom, and support.

**Apolonia** – Juan Tomas's fat wife