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| | Name | Summary | Chapters |
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|  | Sabina | Teenage girl living in the Subura, daughter of Faustus and niece of Rufina . | 1 - 6, 11, 13-16 |
|  | Faustus | Landlord in the Subura, and brother of Rufina , owner of Lucrio . Owes money to a senator, who threatens to enslave his daughter Sabina . | 1-6, 12 |
|  | Rufina | Sister of Faustus and aunt of Sabina , owner of Quartilla and Currax , runs a popina in the Subura, is a Christian. | 1-6, 12 |
|  | Quartilla | Enslaved by Rufina , mother of Currax , a Christian. Septimus wants to buy her (Ch6). | 2-6, 10, 12 |
|  | Currax | Enslaved by Rufina , son of Quartilla , works for Rufina and Faustus doing a variety of jobs. Befriends the dog Celer . | 2-6, 10, 12 |
|  | Lucrio | Enslaved by Faustus with whom he works in the Subura. | 1-6, 12 |
|  | Manius | Beggar in the Subura, befriended/looked after by Rufina and Quartilla . | 1, 4 |






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|  | <p>Lucilius</p> | <p>A wealthy equestrian young man, who travels through the Subura and meets Sabina. He is the son of Lucilius Sn. Lucilius is sceptical of Nero, and travels to Lusitania as a tribune under Otho along with his slave Tiro.</p> | <p>1, 3-6, 14-16</p> |
|  | <p>Gisco</p> | <p>Veteran soldier who had served in Britain with Indus, where he met his wife Catia (with whom he has a son, Rufus). Befriends Faustus, and tells the story of his time in Britain.</p> | <p>2-10, 12</p> |
|  | <p>Catia</p> | <p>Wife of Gisco and mother of Rufus. She grew up in Londinium as the daughter of a sword-maker, and is the sister of Aucissa.</p> | <p>2-10, 12</p> |
|  | <p>Atto/infans</p> | <p>Child of Gisco and Catia (called infans in Book 1, Atto from Book 2).</p> | <p>2-6, 12</p> |
|  | <p>Celer</p> | <p>Dog of Gisco's family. Has a scar from a boar hunt where he saved Gisco's life.</p> | <p>2-6, 10</p> |
|  | <p>Iulia</p> | <p>Friend of Sabina's who attends the chariot races with her.</p> | <p>3</p> |

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|  | Nero | Emperor of Rome. Lucilius is worried about his plans to undertake great building works in the city (how will the space for his plans be created?). Otho is revealed to be plotting against him. | 3, 4 |
| | Cornelia | Friend of Sabina's who attends the Vestalia with her. | 3 |
| | Thellus and Gallio | Two slaves working in the baths in Rome, who escape enslavement. | 5, 6 |
| | Septimus | A Roman man who wants to buy the enslaved Quartilla (but has no interest in her son Curax). | 6, 10 |
|  | Indus | Auxiliary soldier originally from Batavia, served with his friend Gisco in Roman Britain. | 7-10 |
|  | Aucissa | Catia's sister, who has a relationship with Luccus , who takes a sword from her father's workshop. As a girl, Aucissa's life was saved by a Roman soldier. | 7-10 |
|  | Luccus | Young man from Colchester, Britain. Supports Boudica's rebellion, befriends/in a relationship with Aucissa . He is killed in battle by Gisco , and his father attempts to avenge him in Chapter 10. | 8-10 |
|  | Antigonus | A veteran soldier living in Aquae Sulis in Britain, whom Gisco and Indus befriend. | 10 |
| | Marcus | A merchant known to Faustus and Lucrio , who transports Sabina from Rome to Arelate, where he entrusts her to the care of Letta and Poppillus | 11 |

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|  | Alexander | A mosaicist from Conimbriga (Lusitania) whom Sabina meets travelling to Arelate. Sabina ends up working for him, joining him in travelling to Lusitania, and finally marrying him. | 11, 13-16 |
| | Chilo and Proclus | Two men from the Subura who decide to loot the popina and kill Faustus . | 12 |
|  | Letta and Poppillus | Bakers in Arelate who take in Sabina when she arrives there. | 13, 14 |
| | Gabrus and Darius | Actors in a travelling troupe in Gaul. Darius tells Gabrus that he is too old to be of use, and they abandon him. | 13 |
| | Philetus | Man enslaved by Alexander working as a mosaicist. | 14 |
|  | Tiro | Greek man enslaved in the household of Lucilius , travels to Lusitania with Lucilius. | 14 - 16 |
| | Cantaber | Wealthy man from Lusitania, who manages the mines at Las Medulas. Lucilius is a visitor to his villa, where Sabina and Alexander are working on mosaics. He is revealed to smuggle gold with Otho . | 14 - 16 |
|  | Otho | Governor of Lusitania. Employs Lucilius as a tribune. Works with Cantaber to siphon gold away from the imperial coffers to fund a rebellion against Nero. | 16 |
|  | Hettia and Maelo | Parents of Alexander , brick makers in Conimbriga in Lusitania. | 16 |