

From the Fairy Handbook
Character Profiles for Apple, Edelweiss, Harlequin, Helenium,
Jasmine, Raven, Sea Dragon, Sparrow

Apple

Name: London Pierce

Fairy Spirit: apple blossom

Wand: bright purple gladiola stem

Mentor: Madam Mariposa

Gift(s): healing, flexibility, widespread appeal

First Introduced: age eleven, *Berylline and the Tree of Joy*

Adventures: *Meadowsweet and the Magic Fountain*, *Apple and the Legend of the Western Star*, *Aurora and the Lights of Marfa*, *Journey's End*

Misc: For centuries, apple trees and blossoms have been used as religious symbols and have long been featured as extremely prominent elements in stories of both mythology and folklore. Even now, the fruit is considered by many to be an important symbol. Apple is somewhat of an expert regarding the fruit's folklore. As a very young girl, even before learning about her fairy spirit, she kept a copy of *Johnny Appleseed* under her pillow because it was her favorite childhood story. However, aside from folklore and symbolism, apples have a wide range of uses. Over the years, the fruit has given rise to a great variety of delicious edibles, and is useful in making products such as vinegar and pectin. The healthful nature of apples has also been long recognized. Apple's fairy gifts relate to all aspects of the fruit.



Edelweiss

Name: Sophie Hahn

Fairy Spirit: an edelweiss flower

Wand: a small twig from a rowan tree with a single, shiny white berry clinging to its tip

Mentor: unknown

Gift(s): bravery, elusiveness, protection of others

First Introduced: age ten, *Sparrow and Edelweiss's Ghost*

Adventures: *Sparrow and Edelweiss's Ghost*

Misc: The spirit of Edelweiss was trapped in the walls of Blumenthal Castle in Germany for one hundred and fifty years until Sparrow and her friends were able to break a curse, which then allowed the spirit to pass into the hereafter. She was ten years old when she was kidnapped and cursed by an evil spriggen, which is how her spirit ended up in the wall. Edelweiss flowers themselves were once incredibly rare, growing only on perilous mountaintops. The flowers were also a symbol of purity and a source of mysticism. Since they were largely inaccessible, because they grew in inaccessible places and were difficult to find, they were said to hold the spirit of the mountains and served to protect mountaineers from harm or capture. Edelweiss flowers were also the flowers of queens and were synonymous with bravery since those seeking the flower often had to endure long journeys and hardships. Edelweiss fairies are very rare, so rare that usually only one exists at any given time worldwide.



Harlequin

Name: Elizabeth Grayson

Fairy Spirit: a harlequin snake

Wand: a cinnamon stick

Mentor: Madam Monarch

Gift(s): invisibility (related to the camouflage abilities of the snake), strength and coordination (because snakes are generally so)

First Introduced: age ten, *Snapdragon and the Odyssey of Élan*

Adventures: *Harlequin and the Pebble of Spree*, *Dove and the Parchment of Dulcet*; *Brandtii and the Perils of Prima Della*, *Top Strawberry*, and *Big-Wag*; *Ginger and the Purple Ibex*; *Thyme and the Magic Dollhouse*; *Journey's End*

Misc: Harlequin is the only snake fairy to ever exist. She is also the only fairy lacking wings. Due to her flightless state, she often rides on a kestrel or a white flamingo to travel. Harlequin's spirit comes from a copperhead snake; though poisonous, copperheads have excellent camouflage abilities. If her spirit had been from another multi-colored snake, such as a coral snake, her gift might have been the ability to attract or distract, like those snakes do in nature. They are brightly colored as a warning, so that other creatures can take notice of them and avoid them. Harlequin's name is connected to another Harlequin, the magical mischievous sprite of Italian Comedy, who also had the ability to become invisible whenever he wished. Related to this, our Harlequin is very playful and is known as the Fairy of Jokes and Mischief. Harlequin eventually marries Brownie Bob. Grown-ups Harlequin and Bob have twins named Anthony and Marjorie who are a part of the story in *Harlequin and the Pebble of Spree*.



Helenium

Name: Cairo Gibson

Fairy Spirit: helenium flower

Wand: a bit of enchanted broom bristle

Mentor: Madam Finch

Gift(s): the ability to attract and communicate with butterflies and moths

First Introduced: age twelve, *Scarlet, Willow, and the Two-Foot Witch*

Adventures: *Helenium and the Really Very Confused House*

Misc: Her nickname is the Sunshine Fairy.



Jasmine

Name: Amy Scott

Fairy Spirit: a Chilean jasmine plant

Wand: a curled wisp of enchanted cloud, made by an elf so it will never come apart or drift away

Mentor: Madam Mum

Gift(s): resistance to disease (due to the heartiness of jasmine), the ability to temporarily mesmerize others to the point that they are put into a kind of trance (related to the intoxicating fragrance of the flowers), able to see future events

First Introduced: age eleven, *Bumblebee and the Maze of Regret*

Adventures: *Jasmine, the Journal, and Magnolia's Sacrifice*; *Helenium and the Really Very Confused House, Journey's End*

Misc: She is the only fairy to ever be a member of the Secret Society of Riffleberry Hunters.



Raven

Name: Harper Borden

Fairy Spirit: raven

Wand: a fancy antique hatpin

Mentor: Madam Finch

Gift(s): able to see the future with visions, the ability to see truth even when it is hidden deep within (related to ravens being prophetic birds and keepers of all truths)

First Introduced: age ten, *Cherry and the Adventures of Pwensfourth-Greeves Mistook*

Adventures: *Raven and the Children of the Rainbow*, *Eglantine and the Laughing Owl*, *Jewels and Superheroes*, *Obsidian and the Last Brownie Prince*, *Journey's End*

Misc: Raven is incredibly artistic and draws a superhero comic series called *The Adventures of Green Apple*. She is also a birdwatcher. In comparison to other fairies with black feathers such as Swan and Magpie, Raven is a sleek and streamlined fairy. Her style somewhat resembles Art Deco, stressing simplicity and symmetry blended with artistry.



Sea Dragon

Name: Sandra Hernandez

Fairy Spirit: leafy sea dragon, a type of seahorse

Wand: a miniature yellow rosebud stem

Mentor: Madam Oyster

Gift(s): able to breathe under water, excellent camouflage abilities, expert knowledge of sea creatures

First Introduced: age nine, *Blue, the Mermaid, and the Fisherman's Tale*

Adventures: *Blue, the Mermaid, and the Fisherman's Tale; Sandpiper and the Ship of Pools*

Misc: She lives in the Gulf Region of Fairies.



Sparrow

Name: Kirsten Hernandez

Fairy Spirit: sparrow

Wand: a fresh dandelion stem

Mentor: Madam Mum

Gift(s): inconspicuousness which allows her to hide in plain sight (related to human psychology because most people don't even notice sparrows, though they are one of the most common birds in existence), excellent eyesight (a gift common to many bird fairies)

First Introduced: age ten, *Raven and the Children of the Rainbow*

Adventures: *Lilac and the Secret of Obsidian*, *Sparrow and Edelweiss's Ghost*, *The Glass Fairy*, *Berylline and the Tree of Joy*,

Misc: She has never lost a game of *Hide and Seek*.

