

Round Characters and Flat Characters

Note: I am not referring to the characters' anatomical features

Definition:

A round character is a major character in a work of fiction who encounters conflict and is changed by it. Round characters tend to be more fully developed and described than flat, or static, characters. If you think of the characters you most love in fiction, they probably seem as real to you as people you know in real life. This is a good sign that they are round characters.

A writer employs a number of tools or elements to develop a character, making him or her round, including description and dialogue.