

# What meaning does the family tree lend to the story itself?

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Jonathon McKitrick — 25 Aug 2006, 20:57

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Jeff Wilson — 26 Aug 2006, 20:49 · in reply to Jonathon McKitrick

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It may not be inscrutable; hopefully, some new meaning emerges that is obvious in retrospect if X and Y are related by Z, but wouldn't otherwise.

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Bob Miller — 27 Aug 2006, 10:39 · in reply to Jonathon McKitrick

While we all have fun niggling at the details and trying to read the mind of someone we, frequently, have not met, it often appears that part of the meaning IS in its being inscrutable, in the fact that this "fogginess", lack of clarity in and of themselves give us points of reference on the "map" of the author's meaningful design. Possibly, because similar issues--the exact date of death, exact spelling of grandfather's name, which county born in--have embroiled many academics for thousands of pages and their readers for thousands of doses of dramamine.

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