

The Boxcar Children Character Descriptions

Alden Children

Henry – 12-14yrs old. The oldest brother of the children. He's looked up as co-leader of the four. He likes to read, he's realistic and intelligent, also is a hard worker. Doesn't trust grown-ups.

Jessie – 12-14yrs old. Henry's twin sister. The other co-leader of the four children. She likes to take charge more than Henry does and at times is bossy, but is mostly practical, more than Henry is. She sees more to the younger kids.

Violet "Vi" – 9-11yrs old. She can be a bit stubborn. Also likes to be and stay clean, and keep everything in order.

Benny – 8-10yrs old. The youngest of the four children. He is 'slow' then most, but the most inventive and creative of all the children.

Adults (these four play many double roles) Ages that we are looking for are 14-19.

Mr. Alden/Officer Banning – *Mr. Alden* is the children's long-lost grandfather. He's rich, and demanding and stubborn - like Violet, and practical – like Jessie.
Banning is a police officer who is looking for the four children.

Sarah Calder – The social worker is dedicated to finding the missing Alden children. She is caring, and has the children's best interest at heart, even if it means bending the rules to do so.

Mrs. Alberts/Mrs. Truman – *Alberts* is the school principal who first discovers the children. She deems them a 'problem that has to be solved' and is the one who makes the children run away.

Truman – Sam's mom. She is loving and wants to give the kids a chance. Also there with cookies and lemonade, but also points out what needs to be done at the time at hand.

Samuel Truman/Sheriff – *Sam* befriends Henry, likes to talk about sports and takes Henry in. He also is the defender of the children, and doesn't want them to be handed over to the system.

Sheriff is one of the ones hunting for the children.