

# Glossary of Characters

<b>Andrew Cowen</b>	One of the three European siblings who was shipwrecked on the shores of what would become Zululand. At thirteen years of age, he is the middle child.
<b>Awang Kiambang</b>	A wealthy Malay merchant based in Penang. He volunteered to accompany Francis Farewell on his voyage through the Far East. Awang acted as an adviser and navigator.
<b>Bhekimuzi</b>	Shaka's personal medicine man or witch doctor [ <i>isangoma</i> ]. He was also head of what we would today call Shaka's Intelligence Service; it was made up of a network of medicine men, or witch doctors, situated throughout the lands that Shaka controlled.
<b>Bhekisisa</b>	An officer [ <i>induna</i> ] of the Ngwane tribe who had become refugees as they fled from Shaka's armies. Bhekisisa became Garcia Salazar's accomplice in the project to kidnap Beatrice Cowen from the Zulus.
<b>Bhengani</b>	A senior <i>induna</i> and favourite officer of Shaka Zulu, entrusted with protecting the Cowen siblings.
<b>Dingiswayo</b>	The king of the Mtethwa nation, of which the Zulus were a sub-tribe. He was Shaka's mentor. Shaka came to the kingship when Dingiswayo was killed.

<b>Beatrice Cowen</b>	The youngest of the three European siblings shipwrecked on the southern Africa shores of what would become Zululand. She was twelve when they landed on the beach.
<b>Elizabeth Caterina Schmidt</b>	Francis Farewell's close friend in Cape Town, known to her friends as Cate.
<b>Francis Farewell</b>	A lieutenant in the Royal Navy; he was Stephen Cowen's lifelong friend and Nathaniel Cowen's godfather. He was also the founder of Port Natal.
<b>Henry Francis Flynn</b>	An adventurer who accompanied Farewell when he established Port Natal. His writings on Shaka are considered one of the most accurate records of Zulu history before Western contact.
<b>Garcia Salazar</b>	The acting Governor of Mozambique after José Francisco's death. He was based in a trading post called Fort Marques in Delagoa Bay. Today, the modern town of Maputo, the capital of Mozambique, is situated on this site.
<b>José Francisco De Paula Cavalcanti De Albuquerque</b>	Portuguese Governor of Mozambique, 1817–18.
<b>Kgabu</b>	The <i>induna</i> in charge of the reinforcements for Mandlakhe's pursuit of the kidnappers to Delagoa Bay.
<b>Lindiwe</b>	Nandi's niece. Andrew Cowen operated successfully on Lindiwe for appendicitis. She became good friends with Beatrice Cowen and, later, Henry Flynn.

<b>Mandlakhe</b>	A young Zulu boy who discovered the Cowen siblings on the beach; he was fourteen at the time. His name means ‘he of great efforts’.
<b>Mthethwa</b>	The name of the people who King Dingiswayo had formed into a nation before Shaka came to prominence. The Zulu tribe was originally a minor subset of the Mthethwa.
<b>Mthunzi</b>	The <i>isangoma</i> [witch doctor] who Shaka selected to replace Bhekimuzi upon his death as his personal <i>isangoma</i> .
<b>Nandi</b>	Shaka Zulu’s mother, closest adviser, and mentor throughout his life.
<b>Nathaniel Cowen</b>	The eldest of the three European siblings; he was sixteen at the time they were beached in southern Africa.
<b>Nomandia</b>	Beatrice’s horse, a roan mare, whose name means ‘mother of strength’.
<b>Nomahlanjana</b>	Zwide’s son and heir. He was the <i>induna</i> in charge of the Ndwandwe army at the battle of Gqokoli.
<b>Noluju</b>	The senior <i>isangoma</i> [witch doctor] and senior adviser to Zwide, chief of the Ndwandwe nations. He was also a spy on Shaka’s payroll.
<b>Senzangakhona</b>	Shaka’s father and chief of the Zulus. During his reign, the Zulus were a minor tribe contained within the Mthethwa nation, which King Dingiswayo ruled.

<b>Shaka Zulu</b>	Rising from humble beginnings, by his death in 1828, at the age of forty-two, he had welded the Zulu people into a dominion approaching the size of Wales, with a population estimated at half a million. He created the most powerful nation Africa had ever known, one that still exists in South Africa, where the Zulu population is now more than ten million.
<b>Stephen Cowen</b>	The father of the Cowen siblings and a commander in the Royal Navy.
<b>Thembeke</b>	Mandlakhe's mother and Zakhele's third wife.
<b>Thadie</b>	Andrew's favourite horse, a bay filly, whose name means 'loved one'.
<b>Thulani</b>	The <i>induna</i> in charge of Nandi's security detail, who led the initial pursuit of Beatrice's kidnappers and tragically died in their ambush.
<b>Zakhele</b>	Mandlakhe's father and headman of a homestead on the outskirts of the Zulu tribal area, some fifteen kilometres from the east coast of Africa.
<b>Zithulele</b>	Nathaniel's horse, a black stallion, whose name means 'winner'.
<b>Zwide</b>	A cunning and ruthless African chief who built a kingdom at the same time as Dingiswayo and that was of similar size. He was Dingiswayo's main antagonist. Ultimately, he was responsible for Dingiswayo's death, and when Shaka took over Dingiswayo's kingdom, Zwide became Shaka's biggest threat.