

Characters in 'Dancing with a Chameleon'

Primary characters

George Carter

Suggested actor: Matt Damon, for his similarly decisive and intuitive characters in films such as 'The Bourne Identity' and his clean cut looks, he can convey an informed and professional investor while he is handsome and daring enough to also show former 'hippy' influences.

Born in England, Carter attended Sydney law school during the tumultuous and influential sixties, in 1965, he embraced the times and consumed left-wing ideologies, read Kafka, Dostoyevsky and Lenin, smoked dope, listened to Bob Dylan, protested Vietnam, slept around and got drunk. Despite this, Carter graduated and became a lawyer.

However, in 1994 he built a business based in Sydney, Australia called Cavendish Solutions Ltd which progressed from an international business consultancy, to venture capital consultancy in Asia, Europe and the US. With net revenues of over \$500 million just four years after its inception, Carter expanded his business interests to international off-market investments and high-end project investments, at just 40 years old.

Carter developed a reputation for taking risks, however not uncalculated ones. He tires of those who are too conservative, but has ample connections to ensure he holds all the cards and knows about all the skeletons of those he deals with.

Carter is also married, has been divorced and has a dual Australian-British passport which facilitates his high powered lifestyle and international dealings and meetings. Despite his sixties youth, Carter has a strong appreciation for style, culture and class, evidenced in his dress, his appreciation for the traditional architecture of London and Italy, the opulent surroundings of the hotels his business partners choose for him and his delight at spending an afternoon in Milan's fashion district. He is also a handsome man with dark features and a tall slim build at six-foot-two-inches.

Carter looks after his friends and business associates when they are truthful with him, but he does not hesitate to highlight the indiscretions of others if he believes they could jeopardise his business. Carter has helped launch and re-launch Frank Brice's private detective agency when Brice was in trouble. The two are close friends from university, and Carter even completed firearms training with Brice, to offer support when Brice was working on obtaining his private investigator license. The two friends regularly go to shooting ranges and hunt game to relax and have fun.

Frank Brice

Suggested actor: Nicholas Cage has the tall, slim, lanky frame and hooded eyes to portray the 'Lennon look', this couples with Cage's charm and can show Brice's success with women.

Carter's friend and trusted business advisor works as a private detective after attending law school with Carter. Also indulging in the lifestyle of the sixties, Brice immersed himself heavily in the hippie lifestyle and indulged in drugs. After deciding to seek out some stability in Sydney, Brice sought the help of his Uni buddy Carter to buy out a fledgling private detective agency.

Brice was attracted to the intrigue of the work and he was able to build the detective agency into a thriving and reliable business. After a divorce and several court cases hit Brice and his business hard, he was again able to rebuild with Carter's help. Despite leaving the sixties behind, Brice maintains a 'Lennon look' and keeps to a uniform of a khaki shirt over a black t-shirt, denim jeans, black boots and black horn rimmed glasses. Brice comes from an upper-middle class background but enjoys the contradiction of his style and takes pride in his rebellion.

Brice is five-foot-ten and has blue eyes set in dark, craggy features. He is animated, edgy and slightly neurotic but these combine to give him an aura of vulnerability which makes him popular with most women. As such he is somewhat of a lady's man, but has a sharp edge lurking below the surface. This hidden edge has caught more than a few unwary people, and can be close to the surface when Brice