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The protagonist of the novel is the feckless Dan Milligan, a man so lazy that the author is obliged to take direct action to prevent him spending the entire novel lounging about at home; thus alerted to his status as a fictional character, Dan frequently breaks the fourth wall, speaking directly to the writer about the trouble he has been made to endure.

Spike Milligan

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Terence Alan "Spike" Milligan (16 April 1918 – 27 February 2002) was an Irish comedian, writer, musician, poet, playwright and actor. The son of an English mother and Irish father, he was born in British India, where he spent his childhood before relocating in 1931 to England, where he lived and worked for the majority of his life. Disliking his first name, he began to call himself "Spike" after hearing the band Spike Jones and his City Slickers on Radio Luxembourg.

Milligan was the co-creator, main writer, and a principal cast member of the British radio comedy programme The Goon Show, performing a range of roles including the characters Eccles and Minnie Bannister. He was the earliest-born and last surviving member of the Goons. He took his success with The Goon Show into television with Q5, a surreal sketch show credited as a major influence on the members of Monty Python's Flying Circus.

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Richard Attenborough

"The Narrator" in the film adaptation of Spike Milligan's comedy book Puckoon (2002). He played the "Old Gentleman" in the rear carriage of the train

Richard Samuel Attenborough, Baron Attenborough (; 29 August 1923 – 24 August 2014) was an English actor, film director and producer.

Attenborough was the president of the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art (RADA) and the British Academy of Film and Television Arts (BAFTA), as well as life president of the Premier League club Chelsea. He joined the Royal Air Force during World War II and served in the film unit, going on several bombing raids over continental Europe and filming the conflict from the rear gunner's position. He was the older brother of

broadcaster and nature presenter Sir David Attenborough and motor executive John Attenborough. He was married to actress Sheila Sim from 1945 until his death.

As an actor, Attenborough is best remembered for his film roles in Brighton Rock (1948), I'm All Right Jack (1959), The Great Escape (1963), Seance on a Wet Afternoon (1964), The Sand Pebbles (1966), Doctor Dolittle (1967), 10 Rillington Place (1971), Jurassic Park (1993) and Miracle on 34th Street (1994). On stage, he appeared in the West End in 1952, originating the role of Detective Sergeant Trotter in Agatha Christie's murder mystery The Mousetrap, which has since become the longest-running play in London and the world.

For his directorial debut in 1969's Oh! What a Lovely War, Attenborough was nominated for the BAFTA Award for Best Direction. He was additionally nominated for his films Young Winston (1972), A Bridge Too Far (1977) and Cry Freedom (1987). For the film Gandhi, in 1983, he won two Academy Awards, Best Picture and Best Director. The British Film Institute ranked Gandhi the 34th-greatest British film of the 20th century. Attenborough has also won four BAFTA Awards, six Golden Globe Awards, and the 1983 BAFTA Fellowship for lifetime achievement.

Sean Hughes (comedian)

played the lead in the film adaptation of Spike Milligan's comic novel, Puckoon, and he voiced Tapir in the three Robbie the Reindeer films. He appeared

Sean Hughes (10 November 1965 – 16 October 2017) was a British-born Irish comedian, writer and actor. He starred in his own Channel 4 television show Sean's Show and was one of the regular team captains on the BBC Two musical panel game Never Mind the Buzzcocks.

Richard Dormer

Role Notes 2000 A Further Gesture Joe 2001 Mapmaker Harry Hawcett 2002 Puckoon Arthur Faddington The Escapist Denis's; Brief 2005 Mrs Henderson Presents

Richard Dormer (born 11 November 1969) is an actor and playwright from Northern Ireland. He is best known for his roles as Beric Dondarrion in the HBO television series Game of Thrones and Dan Anderssen in Sky Atlantic's Fortitude.

Puckane

confused with the eponymous fictional village in Spike Milligan's novel Puckoon. Kildangan GAA is the local Gaelic Athletic Association club. Bus Éireann

Puckane, officially Puckaun (Irish: Pocán), is a village in County Tipperary, Ireland. It is also a parish in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Killaloe. The village is located 10 km north of Nenagh along the R493 and close to Lough Derg and Dromineer. It had a population of 250 people as of the 2016 census.

Paul Loughran

Baby War (2005) Ideal (2005) The Royal (2003) I Fought the Law (2003) Puckoon (2002) Auf Wiedersehen, Pet (2002) The Bill (2000) Emmerdale (1994–2000)

Paul Anthony Martin Loughran (born 7 July 1969 in Belfast) is a Northern Irish actor. He was educated at Methodist College Belfast. He is best known for portraying Butch Dingle in ITV soap opera Emmerdale in which his character died in a bus crash with friend Pete Collins. After that he appeared in many other TV series such as Heartbeat. On 24 August 2016, it was announced that Loughran had been cast as Darryl Perkins, the father of Craig Tinker (Colson Smith), in Coronation Street.

Daragh O'Malley

Barry King The Bombmaker (2001, Sky Movies, TV Movie) as Mick Canning Puckoon (2002, Feature) as Father Rudden Doctors (2003, Winner Banff TV Award,

Daragh Gerard Marion O'Malley (born 25 May 1954) is an Irish actor, director, and producer. He is best known for his portrayal of Patrick Harper in the television series *Sharpe* (1993–2008) co-starring opposite Sean Bean. He has appeared in a number of other films, major television shows, and stage productions throughout his career in the UK and in the US.

Patrick Macnee

Voice only. Adaptation of the 1960s TV series Macnee had starred in 2002 Puckoon RUC Officer Non speaking cameo appearance 2003 The Low Budget Time Machine

Daniel Patrick Macnee (6 February 1922 – 25 June 2015) was a British-American actor best known for his breakthrough role as secret agent John Steed in the television series *The Avengers* (1961–1969). Starting out as the assistant to David Keel (Ian Hendry), he became the lead when Hendry left after the first series, and was subsequently partnered with a succession of female assistants. He later reprised the role in *The New Avengers* (1976–1977).

Born in London as the eldest son of socialite Dorothea Macnee, Macnee served in the Royal Navy during the Second World War before starting his career as an actor in Canadian television. He appeared in numerous television series up until 2001, including the *Twilight Zone* episode "Judgement Night" (1959); *Columbo*; *Magnum, P.I.*; *Hart to Hart*; *Murder, She Wrote*; *The Love Boat*; and *Frasier*. In 1984, he was the subject of the British television series *This Is Your Life*.

Macnee also appeared in Oasis's music video for "Don't Look Back in Anger" (1996). He and *Avengers* co-star Honor Blackman had a UK Top 10 hit in 1990 when their 1964 song "Kinky Boots" received renewed interest from being played on BBC Radio One.

Macnee's notable film roles include young Jacob Marley in *Scrooge* (1951), Sir Denis Eton-Hogg in *This Is Spinal Tap* (1984), and Sir Godfrey Tibbett in *A View to a Kill* (1985). He is one of the few actors to have played both Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson in different productions.

John Michie

Fitzjohn 2000 Being Considered Frank Short films 2001 Storm Colonel Pine 2002 Puckoon Col. Charrington Thurk 2004 The Race Father Pat Short film 2023 Nessie

John Michie (born 25 October 1956) is a Scottish television and film actor, known for his roles as DI Robbie Ross in the STV detective drama series *Taggart*, as Karl Munro in *Coronation Street* from 2011 to 2013 and his role as CEO Guy Self in *Casualty* and *Holby City*.

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