A Helpful Chart for Points of View

This is an extra resource to go along with the original article: What’s the Difference Between Perspective and Point of View?
A SECONDARY CHARACTER.

This character may not be who the story is about, but can relate his or her experiences within the context of the story and usually has a relationship with the protagonist.

THE OBSERVER.

This character witnesses the story but has limited or no participation in the story.
THE UNRELIABLE NARRATOR.

This narrator cannot be trusted to accurately convey the story.
THIRD PERSON LIMITED.

This point of view follows only one person throughout the story.
THIRD PERSON MULTIPLE.

This point of view can follow multiple people, switching back and forth between their individual stories or perspectives.

THIRD PERSON OMNISCIENT.

The omniscient narrator knows everything about everyone.
SECOND PERSON

You are the narrator.