## Protagonist and Antagonist

The main character is also called the **protagonist**. The protagonist is the character your reader will get to know the most, and your reader will understand the story through the protagonist's experiences. The protagonist does not have to be a "hero" or good character. The reader doesn't have to "like" the character either. The protagonist should, however, be a **round character** that is complicated, with an infinite amount of thoughts and feelings that are revealed to the reader.

The **antagonist** is the force that causes your protagonist conflict. It can be in many forms. Common antagonists in literature are: other characters, forces of nature, society, technology and machines, fate, or the supernatural. These different types of **external conflicts** are often called Man versus Man, Man versus nature, and so on.

When the character has a conflict within himself; when he feels conflicted in his mind and emotional, this is called, **internal conflict**, and is also referred to as Man versus Self. Importantly, by revealing internal conflicts to the reader, your protagonist will become more round and will become more captivating.

