

16. NEW IBERIA CITY PARK
300 Parkview Dr. | New Iberia



Dave brings Annie, Alafair, and later Bootsie here for crawfish boils, barbecues, picnics and softball games. Home to "Devil's Pond," where visitors can feed the ducks while enjoying the wildlife.

17. BOOKS ALONG THE TECHE
106 E. Main St. | New Iberia

The local bookstore where Burke fans can find signed first editions of the Robicheaux novels as well as other modern bestsellers. Books Along the Teche's owners, Howard and Lorraine Kingston, are the resident experts on anything and everything James Lee Burke.

18. CLEMENTINE DINING & SPIRITS
113 E. Main St. | New Iberia

"I put on my rain hat and walked downtown in the twilight. Customers here having drinks under the colonnade in front of Clementine's Restaurant, and across the street, at the Goughenheim Bed and Breakfast, guests were enjoying the evening on the balcony, and farther down the block a crowd was waiting under the colonnade to go inside BoJangle's."

—The Glass Rainbow



These locations are still open today. Burke's character hung his hat many a night here and the bar is well-known for its antique beauty. Clementine, which was once Provost Café, might be the "poolroom" Robicheaux frequents due to its location and description of the mahogany bar in *Heaven's Prisoners*.

19. VICTOR'S CAFETERIA
109 W. Main St. | New Iberia

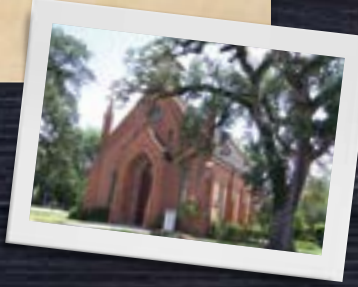
Home of the Breakfast Club and Dave's favorite lunch hangout, Victor's Cafeteria is the only place in Iberia Parish where you can officially visit Dave's bait shop. It is a popular Cajun downtown cafeteria-style eatery where Dave is known to take prisoners to lunch from time to time.



20. FREDERICK HOTEL
910 E. Main St. | New Iberia



The Frederick Hotel, while still retaining traces of its original hotel grandeur, is now an office complex. The hotel was mentioned in *Sunset Limited*.



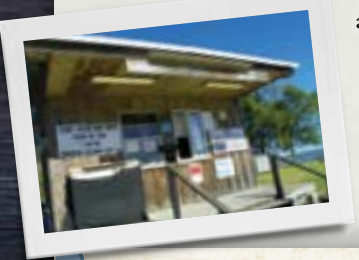
21. EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY
303 W. Main St. | New Iberia

Consecrated in 1858 on land donated by plantation owner Harvey Hopkins, it is the oldest church building still in use in New Iberia. Dave goes to AA meetings here. Mentioned in *Heaven's Prisoners*.



22. SPANISH LAKE
117 Spanish Lake Rd. | New Iberia

Spanish Lake was named for the Spanish settlers who took up residence along its banks. In 1863, Camp Pratt, a Confederate boot camp, was established along its borders. Dave and Elrod Sykes, an alcoholic actor, see ghosts of Confederate soldiers and General John Hood Bell at the lake during a filming of a movie in *In the Electric Mist with Confederate Dead*. In 1957, Dave meets the young Bootsie Mouton and falls in love at a dance out at Spanish Lake.



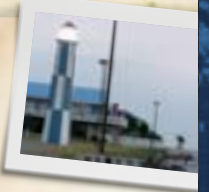
25. CYPREMORT POINT
306 Beach Ln. | Cypressmort Point

Cypressmort Point is a sportsman's paradise with a man-made beach where families can experience the outdoors like Dave Robicheaux, who ritually took his daughter Alafair to a fictional open-air restaurant at the Point. Mentioned in *A Morning for Flamingos*.



24. ALBANIA PLANTATION
Albania Rd. at LA 182 E. | Jeanerette

Used in the film *In the Electric Mist* as a stand-in location for Bayside Plantation, the home was built between 1837 and 1842 on 6,500 acres. The home is currently owned by Hunt Slonem, the celebrated New York artist who created the cross-hatched pattern of painting.



23. ALICE PLANTATION & BAYSIDE PLANTATION
Old Jeanerette Rd., Hwy. 87 | Jeanerette

"Just before the drawbridge, I could see Alice Plantation, built in 1796, and farther on a second antebellum home, one that is arguably among the most beautiful in the Deep South."
—The Glass Rainbow

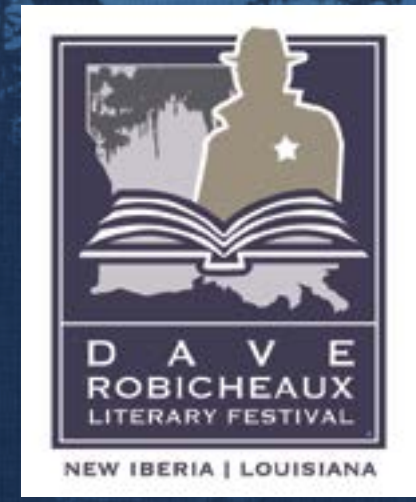
These private homes can only be viewed from the highway. Alice Plantation is a 200-plus-year-old home that was once a bed and breakfast. Bayside is a plantation home built in 1850 by Francis DuBose Richardson. Look for the historical markers.



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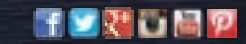


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2. TABASCO® FACTORY
Hwy. 329 | Avery Island

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—The Neon Rain

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3. OLD NEW IBERIA HIGH SCHOOL NOW SCHOOL DAYS APARTMENTS
415 Center St. | New Iberia

This building has seen many students pass through its doors. Dave Robicheaux himself mentioned attending the school. It is now assisted living apartments.



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4. IBERIA PARISH COURTHOUSE
300 S. Iberia St. | New Iberia

In earlier novels, Dave’s office was located at the courthouse. He also shared it with Special Agent Rosie Gomez in *In the Electric Mist with Confederate Dead*.

5. NEW IBERIA AMTRAK STATION
402 Washington St. | New Iberia

“The Amtrak still ran on the Old Southern Pacific Roadbed that carried my mother out to Hollywood in 1946, made up of the same cars from the original Sunset Limited she had ridden in, perhaps with the same desert scenes painted on the walls.”

—Sunset Limited

The Texas and New Orleans Railroad built this single-story brick, romanesque-style station in 1900. The Louisiana & Delta Railroad uses it as its headquarters. Amtrak offers tri-weekly train service.



6. ST. PETER’S CATHOLIC CHURCH AND CEMETERY
108 E. St. Peter St. | New Iberia

St. Peter’s Church was built in 1836 on land donated by the Frederick Duperier family. Church Alley between Main Street and St. Peter Street was left open to fulfill the donation’s provision that the church be visible from the Duperier home (located where Mt. Carmel is today). Dave’s wife Annie was buried in his family plot at the cemetery in *Heaven’s Prisoners*.



7. BON CREOLE
1409 E. St. Peter St. | New Iberia

One of Dave’s local eateries, he could often be found here chowing down on shrimp po-boy sandwiches. For instance, in *Pegasus Descending* he stops here during a case. This hole-in-the-wall lunch counter has been a favorite of both locals and visitors for years.



8. EAST MAIN STREET

“East Main in New Iberia is probably one of the most beautiful streets in the Old South or perhaps the whole country.”

—A Stained White Radiance

Century-old oaks surround stately homes in the National Register Residential District. New Iberia’s Historic commercial district won the 2005 Great American Main Street Award®, sponsored by the National Trust for Historic Preservation®.



9. TECHE MOTEL
1829 E. Main St. | New Iberia

Perhaps one of New Iberia’s oldest accommodations, the motel’s motif and character fit into the world of Dave Robicheaux like no other. Robicheaux loved the neon sign that is still on the property today. Clete also rents a room to live here in the novel *Creole Belle*. Visitors looking for the authentic Robicheaux experience will not be disappointed.



10. BURKE HOUSE
715 E. Main St. | New Iberia

“It was a fine house in which to live, cool in the summer and warm in the winter, the ceiling—high outfitted with ventilated storm shutters, our new veranda a grand place to sit in wooden rockers among our potted plants and house pets.”

—The Glass Rainbow

James Lee Burke’s grandfather, Walter Burke, lived here. As a youth, Burke visited his grandparents, played along the banks of the Bayou Teche and fixed in his mind the romantic image of New Iberia that pervades his books. Bastiste, Dave Robicheaux’s friend and employee at his fish camp, is modeled on the real Batiste, who worked for Walter Burke when James Lee Burke was growing up.

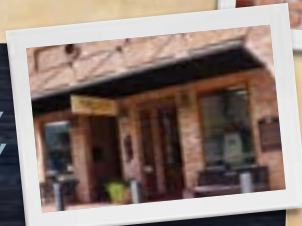


11. IBERIA PARISH LIBRARY & GROTTO OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES
445 E. Main St. | New Iberia

“My office was now located in City Hall, on Bayou Teche, with a grand view of a religious grotto and wonderful oak trees next to the city library.”

—The Glass Rainbow

Public park with shrine dedicated to the Veterans of Foreign Wars from New Iberia who died in the service of the United States of America. The main branch of the Iberia Parish Library system houses the Bunk Johnson Jazz Collection Room.



12. SHADOWS-ON-THE-TECHE
317 E. Main St. | New Iberia

“I drove down East Main under the arched live oaks that spanned the street, toward the Shadows, a red brick and white-columned antebellum home built in 1831 on Bayou Teche.”

—Cadillac Jukebox

Built for a wealthy sugar planter, the Shadows-on-the-Teche was home to four generations before becoming a National Trust Historic Site. Live oaks draped with Spanish moss cast shadows on the house, gardens and Bayou Teche. Guided tours available.



13. P.R. BURKE’S OFFICE
223 E. Main St. | New Iberia

“We crossed the drawbridge over Bayou Teche. The water was brown and high, the dragonflies flicked over the lily pads in the sunlight. Close along the banks I could see the armored backs of gars turning in the shade of the cypress trees.”

—Heaven’s Prisoners

James Lee Burke’s cousin owns and operates the law office on Main Street. It is mentioned in *The Glass Rainbow*. Behind the offices is PJ Allain Waterfront Park and Sculptural Garden, which offers a scenic view of Bayou Teche.



14. BAYOU TECHE MUSEUM
131 E. Main St. | New Iberia

Visit the Bayou Teche Museum to view the James Lee Burke exhibit and see Dave’s Bait Shop as well as memorabilia and a video. The museum also hosts exhibits on “blue dog” artist George Rodrigue, Iberia Parish’s cultural and industrial history and the infamous New Iberia Shipwreck.

15. MT. CARMEL NOW PLACE EUGENIE
109 Bridge St. | New Iberia

In *Heaven’s Prisoners*, Dave and Annie brought Alafair to Mt. Carmel after rescuing her from a plane crash in the Gulf of Mexico. It was the first hospital in New Iberia. The 1850s building became a Catholic girls school in 1872 and was closed in 1985.

