

## Walk the streets the *Brotherhood* characters walked!

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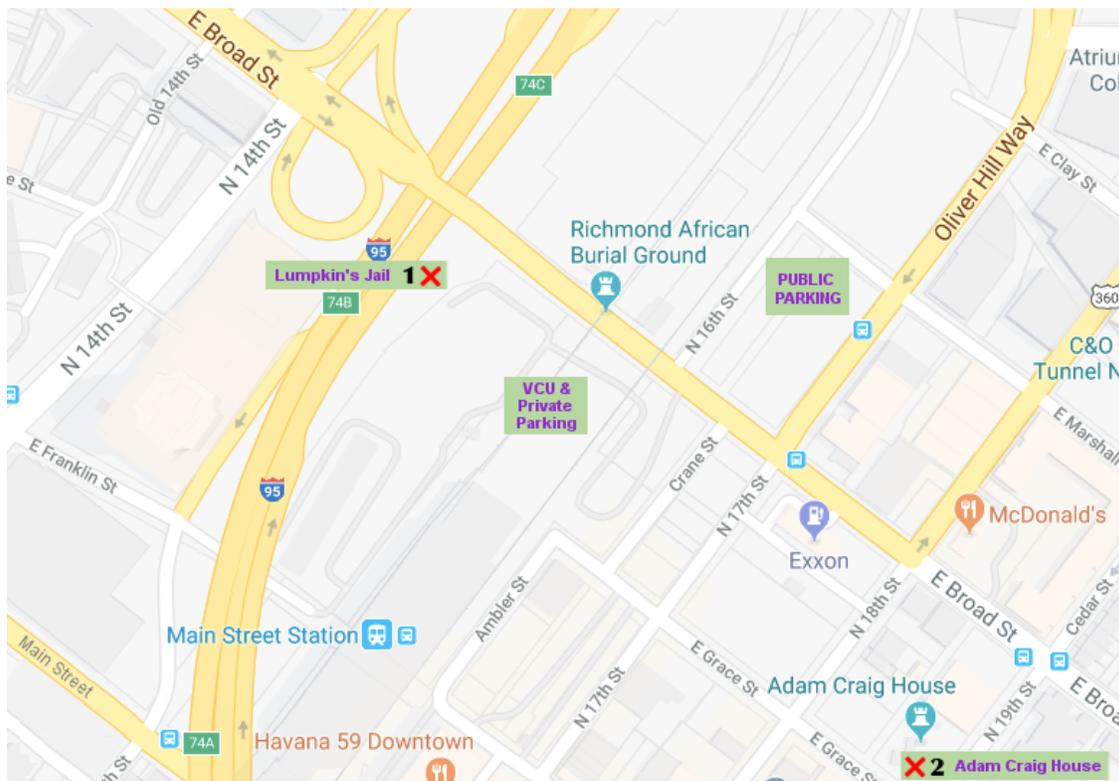
You can walk the streets of Richmond, VA, on your own (see the map and directions below) or ask historian Alyson Taylor-White to tour you around town. Ms. Taylor-White spent hours developing a tour based on *Brotherhood!* Her informative and witty talk will bring Richmond to life as you explore the alleys and hills where I imagined the *Brotherhood* characters to have walked. She can handle small groups or large (bus tours or walking—she’s a pro) and I recommend her to the moon and back. Please contact her at [ataylorwhite \(at\) gmail.com](mailto:ataylorwhite@gmail.com), for details.

If you’ll walk the streets without a tour guide, below you’ll find QR code links to audio files of me reading short passages from *Brotherhood*. Note that Richmond’s ever-changing construction might throw a roadblock in your path (pun intended), so give yourself time to park and walk, as conditions may change.



1. Start at the **Lumpkin’s Jail** historical markers. Below is a map of the area with a red X at the location of the markers. This site is part of the African American Burial Grounds, a large grassy area east of I-95 and north of Broad Street, which continues under the road (via a pedestrian underpass) to the VCU parking area behind Main Street Station (Amtrak). You can access the burial grounds from the parking lot at E. Marshall and 16<sup>th</sup> Streets (go to the end of E. Marshall Street), or from the VCU lot, or from the lot behind Amtrak (but sometimes those 2 are under construction).

Note that Google’s map (below) shows 16<sup>th</sup> Street, but you won’t see a street sign for it. 16<sup>th</sup> St. is just an entrance to the parking lot. There’s another public lot at 15<sup>th</sup> and E. Main Street, across from Main Street Station’s front entrance (not shown on map).



2. With the Lumpkin's Jail historical markers behind you, walk through the VCU parking lot to Grace Street. Between 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> Streets, **the Adam Craig House** will be on your left (1812 E. Grace St.). This is the house where I imagined the character, Maggie, to have lived.



3. Continue east on Grace Street to 20<sup>th</sup> Street and turn right. Walk until 20<sup>th</sup> Street ends at the flood wall on Cary Street, and you'll see the **Libby Prison** historical marker. The prison used to stretch a full block east from the corner of S. 20th Street and E. Cary Street.

4. With your back to the flood wall, turn left and walk west on Cary Street. Go to 17<sup>th</sup> Street and turn right. Go one block to 17<sup>th</sup> and Main Streets, where you'll see **the Farmer's Market** on the north side of Main. On your right corner will be the brick building where I imagined Granddaddy had lived and kept his shop, Weaver's Fine Tailoring. Painted on the side of the building are the words, "TEAS, COFFEES and SUGARS are the best." (As of September 2018, the Farmer's Market was under construction.)



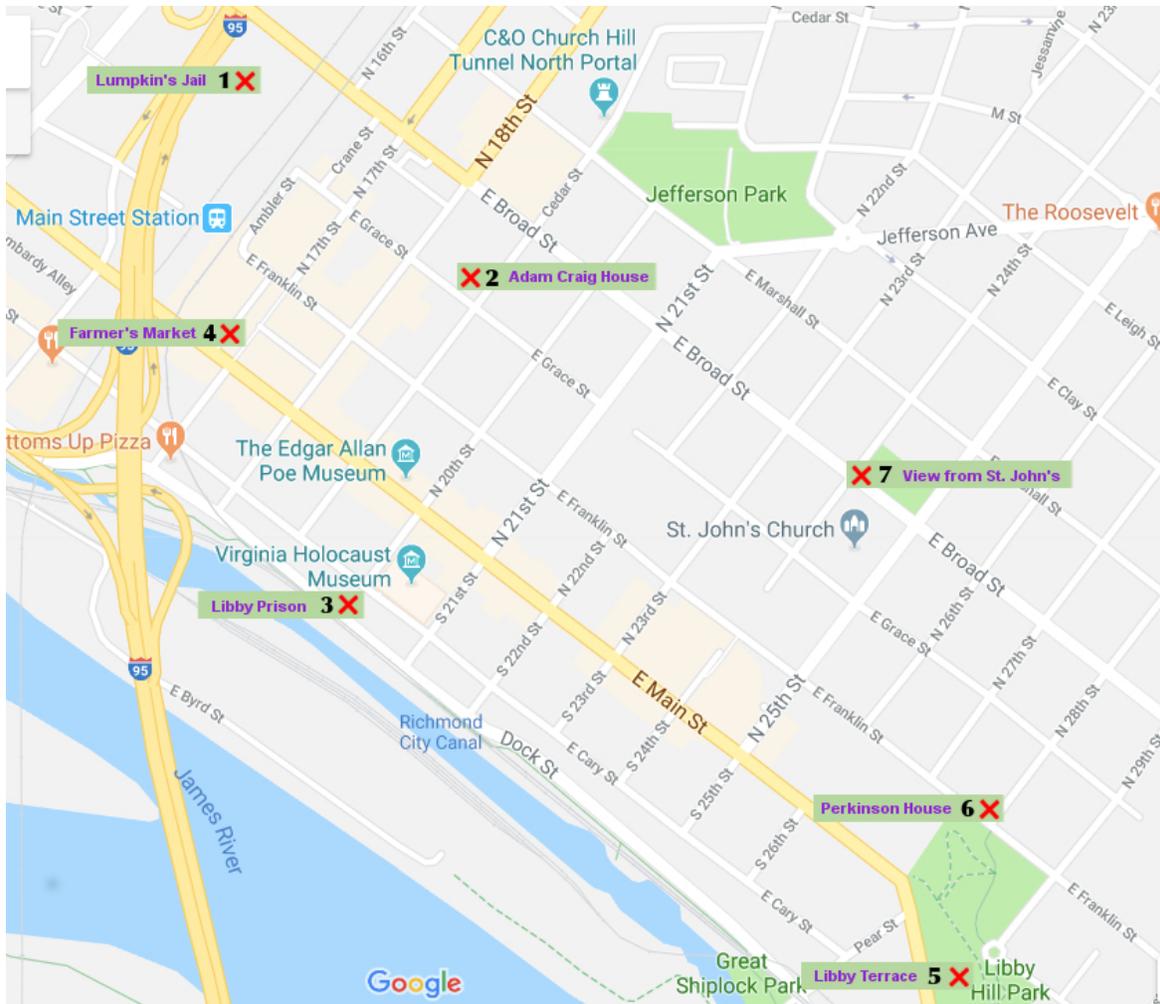
5. **Libby Hill.** Return to your vehicle and drive east on Broad Street, up the hill to 29<sup>th</sup> Street (you'll go past St. John's Church), and turn right. 29<sup>th</sup> Street will end at Libby Hill Terrace. This is the overlook with a gorgeous view of the James River.

6. Walk to the corner of **28<sup>th</sup> Street and E. Franklin Street**. This is the location where I imagined the Perkinsons to have lived. An engineer's map of Richmond in 1865 indicates that there was an alley behind the house on this corner; the view from the front is of Libby Hill Park.



7. To walk to **St. John's Church**, take 28<sup>th</sup> Street for 2 blocks to E. Broad Street. Turn left, walk 3 blocks, and you'll find the church stretching the entire block from 25<sup>th</sup> Street to 24<sup>th</sup> Street. For a tour of the grounds, please go to [www.HistoricStJohnsChurch.org](http://www.HistoricStJohnsChurch.org) and schedule your visit in advance.

**That's it for the walking tour!** I hope that this tour helps you picture Shad and Rachel and all of the characters depicted in *Brotherhood*.



If you have time to stay longer, you might want to visit the American Civil War Museum at Historic Tredegar. Here is an audio clip of me reading a bit about **Tredegar**. To get there from Church Hill, drive back down Broad Street to 5<sup>th</sup> Street, turn left, and stay on 5<sup>th</sup> until it ends at Tredegar Street. You'll see the canal in front of you. Turn right and you'll soon come to Tredegar on your right (the parking lot has plenty of room for buses). Visit [www.ACWM.org](http://www.ACWM.org) for information about tours and rates.



I'd also recommend the Virginia Museum of History and Culture at 428 N. Boulevard, Richmond. You'll find plenty of parking behind the building, and information about their tours at [www.virginiahistory.org](http://www.virginiahistory.org).

The amazing librarians at Carver Middle School in Chester, VA, helped me design this walking tour, and the equally amazing librarians at Liberty Middle School in Ashland, VA, helped me refine it. In September 2018, historian and Richmond tour guide Alyson Taylor-White helped me update it. If you're not familiar with Richmond, I highly recommend contacting Alyson to lead you around town (either by bus or on foot). She knows the streets and history better than I do! [ataylorwhite \(at\) gmail.com](mailto:ataylorwhite@gmail.com)