

Novelist A.C. Frieden Visits Historical Town in Arkansas

PINE BLUFF, Arkansas, USA (June 15, 2014) – A.C. Frieden researched the historical downtown of Pine Bluff, Arkansas. “The town’s 19th century history is fascinating, but today it is struggling,” Frieden said. “As an author, I want to bring attention to this town’s rich history. It’s something I want to do in memory of my late stepfather, Sidney Bilsky, who spent many years here.”



(Above) Frieden walks by historical buildings in downtown Pine Bluff, Arkansas.

Pine Bluff is about 40 miles south of Little Rock, and has a population of 48,000, which has steadily declined in recent years. Situated on the Arkansas River, the city's central business district grew rapidly in the 1920s and again regained its momentum following The Great Flood of 1927 and The Great Depression. World War II brought more economic stimulus to Pine Bluff. The Army built an airport to train Army Air Corps cadets and a 15,000-acre arsenal near the city, which also encouraged the arrival of other industries, including a paper mill. This expansion continued for decades, and the area's growing wealth attracted entrepreneurs to open high-end retail shops and services. Today, however, the town has a struggling economy and high crime rate.

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