

***River's Edge* Character List**

This list carefully avoids spoilers. Names and descriptions below reflect the original information given about each character. Main characters are listed, along with most minor players, more or less in the order they appear in the story.*

Residents of Hanover House

- **Morgan Cleary** - owner, with husband, of Hanover House
- **Jonathan** - Morgan's husband, fishing tour guide, pastor, co-owner of Hanover House - mayoral candidate
- **Sadie Caruso** - the Cleary's foster daughter - 17 years old
- **Caleb Caruso** - Sadie's half-brother - 18 months old
- **Gus Hampton** - a Jamaican and ex-con staying at Hanover House for over a year
- **Felicia** - another former convict who has been a resident for a few months
- **Karen Miller** - an ex-con who came to Hanover House when she was 9 months pregnant
- **Emory Miller** - Karen's baby son - 7 weeks old

Blair Owens - Morgan's sister - recently purchased the town newspaper - right side of her face was severely damaged by fire when she was very young

Mayor Candidates

- **Jonathan Cleary** - see above
- **Ben Jackson** - owns a fleet of shrimp trawlers and a shrimping warehouse on the Savannah dock - believes Chief of Police Cade got his position through nepotism and wants to replace him
- **Sam Sullivan** - a businessman who's determined to win the mayor race

Lisa Jackson - Ben's wife, real estate agent - has been trying for 13 years to have a baby

Cape Refuge Police Department

- **Matthew Cade** - police chief - Jonathan's best friend - nephew of former mayor - using a cane after surgery to repair multiple fractures of his leg (see *Southern Storm* for that story)
- **Joe McCormick** - detective - 2nd in command
- **Alex Johnson** - uniformed officer
- **Billy Caldwell** - uniformed officer
- **Sarah** - dispatcher
- **Ed** - guarding a crime scene
- **Bruce** - newest member of the police force

The Colonel - owner of **Cricket's**, a little hole-in-the-wall diner on the docks

Sheila Caruso - Sadie's mother - in prison in Atlanta

Rani Nixon - Lisa's business partner, formerly a model in New York, beautiful, African American
- was Lisa's roommate in college

Members of Cape Refuge City Council

- **Art Russell**
- **Sarah Williford** - assigned to introduce mayor candidates at the public debate
- **George O'Neal**
- **Harold Delaney**

Crowd members at the aborted debate

- **Ronald Myers** - asks a question
- **Fran Lincoln** - saw Lisa on Wednesday at the bank
- **Bo Patterson** - makes a snide remark
- **Vince Barr** - sleazy reporter from *The Observer*, a tabloid based in Savannah

J.B. Hutchins - operations manager for Ben Jackson's shrimp business

Carson Graham - psychic, palm reader, etc. - owns a palm reader's shop on Ocean Boulevard

Melanie and Andy Adams - live on the river near where the car went in

Alan Freeman - thinks Lisa went looking for Ben's girlfriend

Sarah Grady - involved in the rumor that Ben has a girlfriend

Allen Sims - Lisa's fertility doctor

Chief Baxter - former chief of police in Cape Refuge

Shepherd Smith - interviews Vince Barr on FOX News

Al and Marge Hinton - Lisa's parents

Anthony Hammond - Sheila Caruso's attorney

Amber Graham - Carson's wife, a nurse at a Savannah hospital

Keith - medical examiner

Clara Montgomery - biggest gossip in town - owns an antique shop

Dr. Ralph Anderson - fertility specialist

Amy Matheson - provides Blair with info about everything her daughter **Courtney** does

Laura Gulley - a patient who saw Lisa at the fertility clinic the day she died

Riley Holmes - Chatham County's newest D.A.

Matt - helps out at florist shop - friends with Sadie

Marlene - Sheila's best friend - lives in Atlanta

Richard Mason - Sam Sullivan's lawyer - from Savannah

Melba Jefferson - close friend of the Cleary's and a member of their church - provides the food for Jonathan's post-election party

Madelyn Short - plays piano for Jonathan's post-election party

Kylie Hyatt - Dr. Allen Sims' maid

Roy - Kylie's brother

Footnote:

* Usually when characters are listed out of order of appearance (or first mention), it is because they are part of a group in which some appear later than others. Otherwise, I may have missed their first mention and accidentally placed them incorrectly.