

Recommended Reading Material  
(Eleuthera and The Bahamas)  
for all visitors and Residences at French Leave

1. Wind from the Carolinas by Robert Wilder
2. Don't Stop the Carnival by Herman Wok
3. Eleuthera the Island of Freedom by Everild Young
4. Columbus Never Came by Kjeld Helweg Larsen
5. The Elusive Beaches of Eleuthera by Geoff & Vicki Wells
6. Folk Tales from Eleuthera by Hamon & Hamon & Cobb
7. A Conspiracy of Crowns by Alfred de Marigny
8. All Brave Sailors by George Wilson
9. The Birds of the Bahamas by P.G.C. Brudenell –Bruce
10. Bahama Saga by Peter Barrett
11. A History of the Bahamas by Michael Craton
12. A Unicorn in the Bahamas by Rosita Forbes
13. The Story of the Bahamas by Dr. Paul Albury
14. Islands in the Stream by Ernest Hemmingway
15. The Measure of a Man by Sir Sidney Poitier
16. The Bahamas Rediscovery by Nicolas Popov
17. Nassau by John Reisinger
18. Pilgrims in Paradise by Frank G. Slaughter
19. The Bahamas Islands by Hans w. Hannau
20. I Wanted Wings by Leonard Thompson

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“All Bahamas Bookstore” [www.eleu.net/bookstore.html](http://www.eleu.net/bookstore.html)

## More Devil Than Saint Count Alfred de Marigny

“En Route to New York we stopped at the Bahamas and took a three week’s tour around what are known as the “Out-Islands.” These are a group of islands forming a rough circle around the tiny, central island of New Providence on which is situated the capital of the Bahamas - Nassau. I could not know in those days what the name “Nassau” was going to mean in my life. It was just another ugly little British colonial capital to me than, and both Ruth and I much preferred the “Out-Islands.” Especially one called Eleuthera. It is quite close to New Providence and most delightful. It is about ninety miles long and only three or four miles wide – a typical coral reef island. On the ocean side we landed at a place called Governor’s Harbour and were taken to visit a man called Sturrip.” (to see what is now known as French Leave)

“This is where I want to live forever,” Ruth said as soon as she saw the place.

“I don’t care. This is for me, Freddie. Believe me.”

“But I thought you said New York - ”

“It’s close enough to New York. Didn’t you hear that real estate man in Nassau say that he often flew to New York for the weekends?”

“I made what inquiries I could and, being satisfied with the price and the investment possibilities of the place, I made the purchase, arranging the transfer of the title and other formalities through the local office of the Royal Bank of Canada. Immediately afterward we sailed for New York”.

Columbus Never Came  
By Kjeld Helweg-Larsen

Chapter 32 - Eleuthera: give me Eleuthera

“I loved Eleuthera at first sight, and actually I can thank Bahamas Airways schedule for living here. The first time I visited Eleuthera in 1949 I flew up from Nassau to Governor’s Harbour, as I had been invited to lunch with the late Colonel McGrath and his wife, the well-known writer Rosita Forbes, at their lovely home, Unicorn Cay, a few miles out of the settlement”.

“The charm of Eleuthera is made up of several things...the green hills...the small ponds...the colours of the sea...the sunsets...the pink sand beaches.

All the islands in the Bahamas are blessed with gorgeous beaches, but Eleuthera is famed not only for its pink sand beaches but for a longer stretch of beaches that any island in the Bahamas and the whole of the Caribbean area. Furthermore, it lies, like the other islands, right off the coast of Florida and is blessed with probably the finest tropical climate during the whole of the winter season”.

“In 1951 Eleuthera could put up very few tourists. There was a guest house called French Leave, also in Governor’s Harbour the Buccaneer Club (which at that time catered for yachtsmen), and another little house called Cleartide Inn”.

“But I think the most delightful places to be found on any of the Out Islands is right in Governor’s Harbour on the Atlantic side, the new French Leave Hotel. A gorgeous set-up with 1500 feet of private beach, and a swimming pool in the most exotic surroundings, for the pleasure of over 100 guests who stay at this year-round resort. I must compliment the two Kelly brothers for building this outstanding place in Governor’s Harbour”.

“Governor’s Harbour can be proud of having French Leave today as an attraction for the tourists”.