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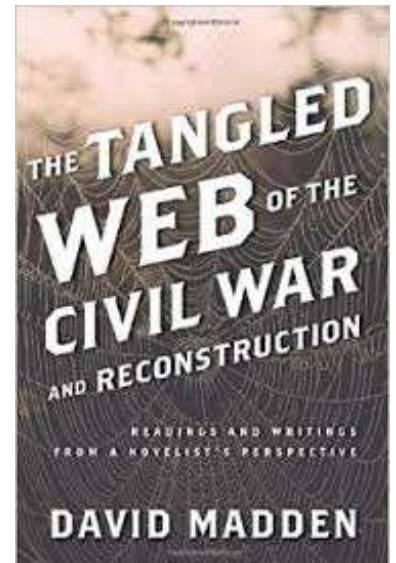
***The Tangled Web of the Civil War: A Novelist's Perspective***  
**A Brown Bag Lecture by Prof. David Madden**

**PROGRAM:** *The Tangled Web of the Civil War: A Novelist's Perspective*, A Brown Bag Lecture by David Madden

**DATE:** Noon, Tuesday, November 10, 2015

**LOCATION:** East Tennessee History Center  
601 South Gay Street  
Knoxville, TN 37902

**ADMISSION:** FREE | Attendees are encouraged to bring a "brown bag" lunch



(Knoxville, TN) Celebrated author David Madden will talk about his new book, *The Tangled Web of the Civil War and Reconstruction: Readings and Writings from a Novelist's Perspective*. Madden's new book highlights the interconnectedness of fiction and nonfiction by placing essays reflecting on the work of James McPherson, William Faulkner, and others alongside pieces from his own novel, *Sharpshooter*. The varied perspectives include an imagining of Abraham Lincoln's critique of how historians have recorded the war and its aftermath. Books will be available for purchase and for Mr. Madden to sign following the lecture, with proceeds benefitting ETHS.

David Madden is a native Knoxville, born in a "plantation" cabin in the Lincoln Park area and into a branch of the family that has lived in Knoxville for more than a century. Since 1961, the accomplished author has published more than 50 books, 13 of them novels, including *The Suicide's Wife*, a CBS move-of-the-week starring Angie Dickinson, and *London Bridge in Plague and Fire*. He now lives in Black Mountain, North Carolina and returns to Knoxville often. He holds an M.A. from San Francisco State and attended Yale Drama School on a John Golden Fellowship. He was the writer-in-residence at Louisiana State University from 1968 to 1992, director of the Creative Writing Program there from 1992-1994, founding director of the United States Civil War Center from 1992-1999, and is now LSU Robert Penn Warren Professor of Creative Writing, Emeritus.

The lecture program is sponsored by 21<sup>st</sup> Mortgage and is free and open to the public. The lecture will begin at noon at the East Tennessee History Center, 601 S. Gay Street, Knoxville. Guests are invited to bring a "Brown Bag" lunch and enjoy the lecture. Soft drinks will be available. For more information on the lecture, exhibitions, or museum hours, call 865-215-8824 or visit the website at [www.EastTNHistory.org](http://www.EastTNHistory.org).

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