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Author Visit: Donald McCaig

ELMHURST, IL - Donald McCaig, author of widely praised Civil War-era novels *Jacob's Ladder*, *Rhett Butler's People*, and *Canaan* will be visiting Elmhurst on Thursday, April 21 at 7:00pm at Hammerschmidt Memorial Chapel at Elmhurst College. McCaig's visit is a part of ELMHURST READS, the annual city-wide reading event in its third year, and commemorates the 150th anniversary of the Civil War.

Presented by Elmhurst Public Library, the Friends of the Elmhurst Public Library and Elmhurst College, McCaig will share his experiences from researching and writing more than a half-dozen books, which will also be available to be purchased and autographed after his talk. This event is free and open to the public.

Donald McCaig is the award-winning author of *Jacob's Ladder* designated "the best civil war novel ever written" by *The Virginia Quarterly*. *People* magazine raved "Think *Gone With the Wind*, think *Cold Mountain*." It won the Michael Sharra Award for Civil War Fiction and the Library of Virginia Award for Fiction.

The Elmhurst Public Library strives to enrich life in Elmhurst by providing opportunities to explore, learn and grow. EPL offers the support and resources for Elmhurst residents to develop a love of reading; access information for work and learning; pursue interests that will enrich their lives; understand changes in technology, society and culture; and gather and interact with each other. Elmhurst Public Library is a place for discovery at the heart of the community.

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