

# Author to address Kingsport Civitan Club

## From staff reports

Keith Donnelly, author of the Donald Youngblood mystery series, will be the guest speaker at Thursday's meeting of the Kingsport Civitan Club.

The club will meet at 11:30 a.m. at the Golden Corral on Eastman Road. The public is invited to attend.

Donnelly released the fourth book in the Youngblood series, "Three Deadly Drops," in September. This follows "Three Deuces Down," "Three Days Dead" and "Three Devils Dancing."

In the fourth Donald Youngblood mystery, more than a year has passed since Don closed the file on the "Three Devils" case. His personal life is trending upward, his business is booming, and no one has come to him with a case likely to get him killed.

All of that changes when Jessica Crane walks into his office, asking him to look into the apparent heart attack death of her husband.

Don is convinced that Jessica's request is just the delusion of a grieving widow, but as he goes through the motions of his investigations, he uncovers a mysterious note and a 20-year-old photograph of a group of soldiers known as the Southside Seven. Don soon thinks the grieving widow might be on to something.

The Silver Star, a soldier with a stress problem, an Army Ranger black ops mission gone wrong, a mysterious assassin, and a missing vial are all pieces to the puzzle that Don races to fit together before anyone else dies.

In the desert of New Mexico, the bayou country of Louisiana, the mean streets of Memphis, and small towns in South Carolina and Kentucky, a haunting mystery unfolds as Donald Youngblood uncovers a startling secret from Desert Storm that haunted the seven men who shared it.

Born and raised in Johnson City, Donnelly attended Science Hill High School and East Ten-



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nessee State University where he graduated with a degree in economics. He accepted a job with Kingsport Press and soon found himself in the New York City world of publishing. In one way or another, books have been his life for more than 40 years.

Donnelly spent 18 years in the Northeast as a book manufacturing sales representative. In 1992, ready for a change, he moved

back to Tennessee to open a new sales office for the Maple-Vail Book Manufacturing Group. The urge to write was always lurking in the back of his mind.

In 2007 he signed a publishing contract with New-South Books in Montgomery, Ala., and "Three Deuces Down" was released in January 2008. He signed one-book contracts with John F Blair, Publisher, in Winston-Salem, N.C., for "Three Days Dead," released in May 2009, and "Three Devils Dancing," released in January 2011.

Donnelly and his wife, Tessa, live in Gatlinburg.

In addition to his appearance at the Kingsport Civitan Club meeting, Donnelly will participate in The Holiday Book Fair from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Dec. 1, at the Kingsport Town Center, along with other members of the Lost State Writers Guild. All of his books will be available to purchase, and he will autograph and personalize the books.

For more information about Donnelly and his books, visit [www.donaldyoungbloodmysteries.com](http://www.donaldyoungbloodmysteries.com). In addition to this website, all Donald Youngblood mysteries are available for purchase online at [www.blairpub.com](http://www.blairpub.com), [www.barnesandnoble.com](http://www.barnesandnoble.com) and [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com).

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