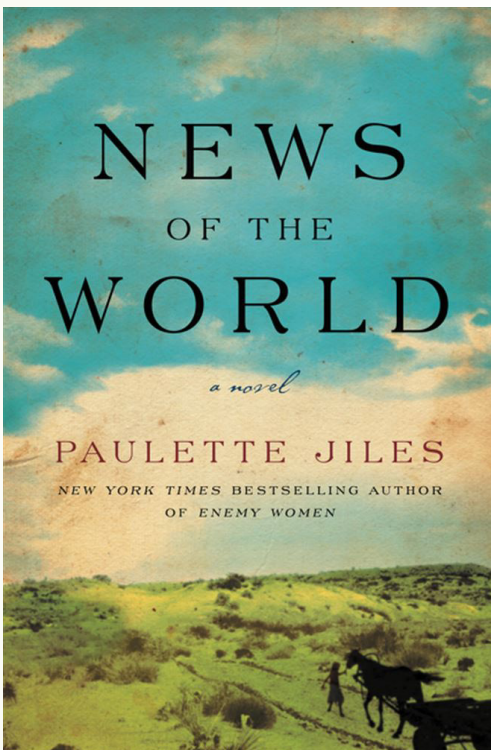


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News of the World

One Book, One Community - 2019 Selection

In her award-winning historical novel, *News of the World*, Paulette Jiles transports readers to post Civil War Texas where Captain Jefferson Kidd travels as a news reader bringing entertainment and information to small communities in 1870 “when news and hard money were difficult to come by.” A survivor of three wars, Captain Kidd drifts from town to town until his routine is interrupted by the offer of a \$50 gold piece to deliver a ten year old girl to her family in San Antonio. Held captive for four years by the Kiowa tribe, Johanna Leonberger, traumatized and confused by the abrupt separation from the Kiowa, fights her rescuers and resists all attempts to civilize her. During the 400 mile journey to San Antonio, the two survivors confront challenging terrain and a hostile ambush. Johanna and the Captain forge a unique bond that illustrates the power of human nature to prevail when faced with adversity.

About Paulette Jiles

Paulette Jiles is a novelist, poet, and memoirist. She resides with her husband on a ranch near San Antonio in the Texas Hill country. She plays the Irish tin whistle with a bluegrass group and sings in her church choir. *News of the World* was a National Book Award Finalist. She is currently working on a sequel to her novel, *The Color of Lightning*.

What is One Book, One Community? (OBOC)

Each year, the One Book, One Community of Monroe County selection committee chooses a readily available and discussable book written by a major author. Monroe County residents are invited to read the same book and discuss it through a series of free programs each spring. OBOC events feature book discussions and free, county-wide community activities related to the themes raised by provocative and inspiring stories.

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