

News of the World

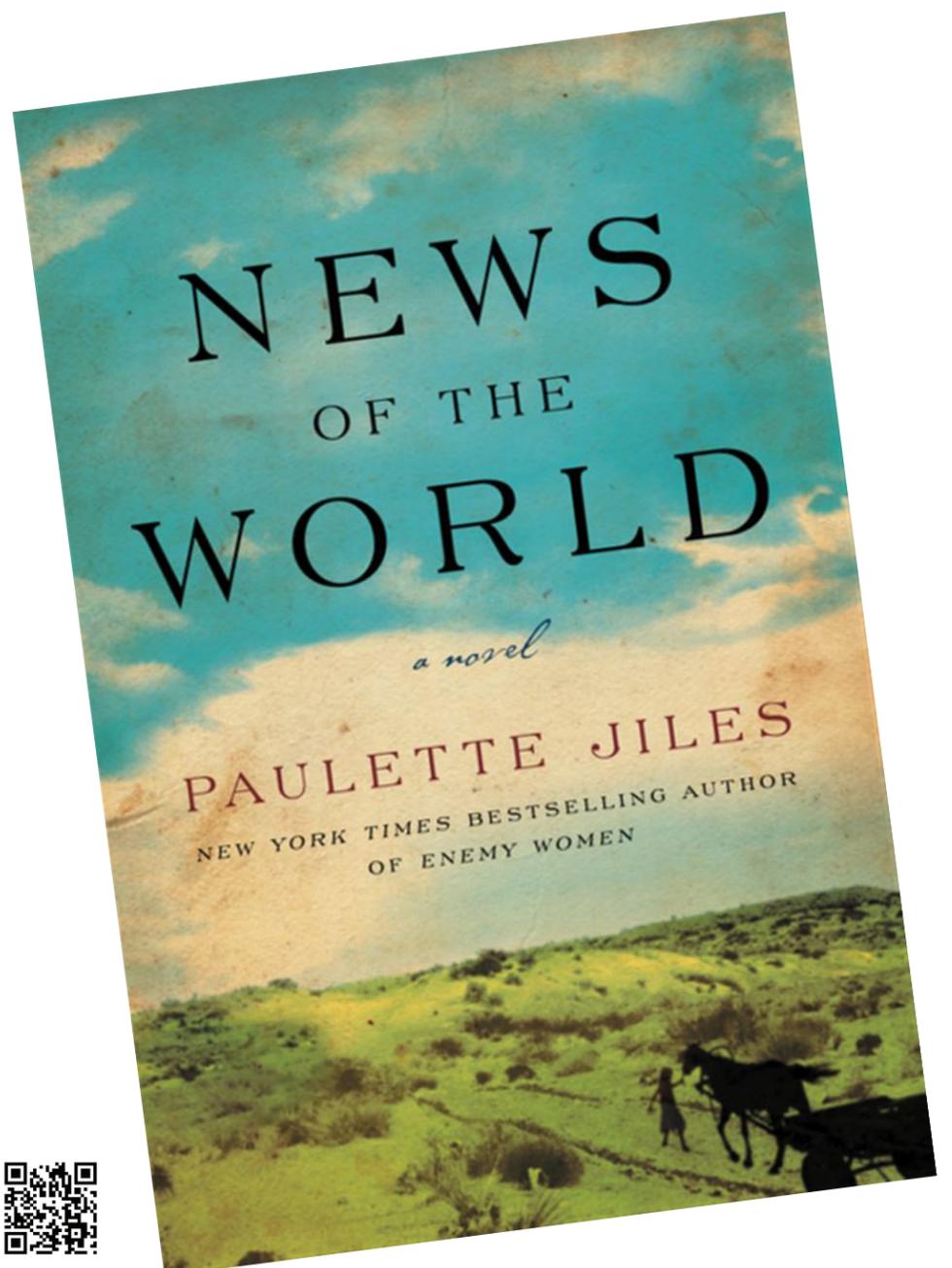
by **Paulette Jiles**

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 is traumatized and confused by the abrupt separation from the Kiowa and fights her rescuers and 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.

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