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About the Book

News of the World is a moving work of historical fiction, a skillful imagining of the American west by Paulette Jiles, an author and poet who has repeatedly lent her rich, lyrical voice to the post-Civil War era.

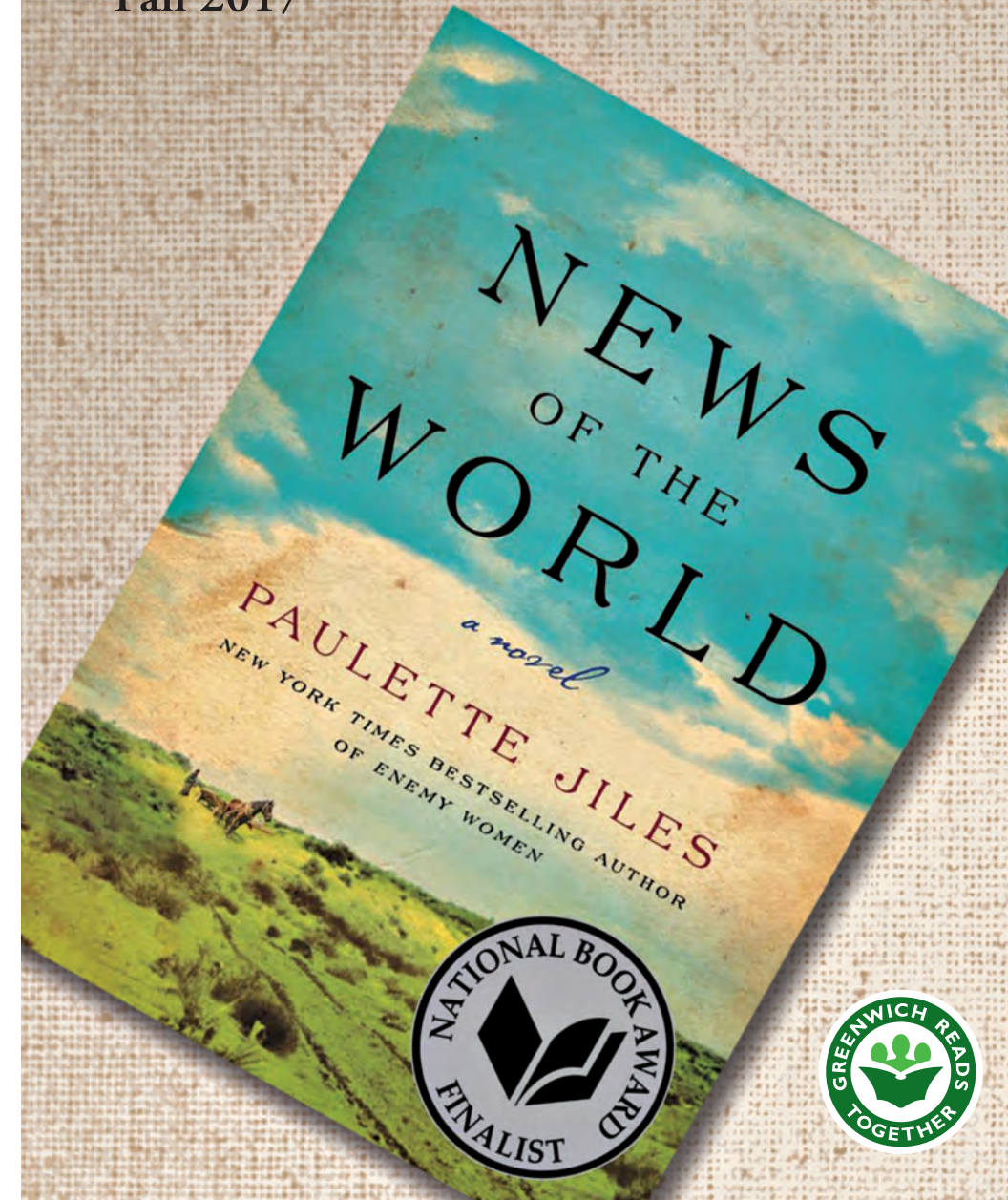
At the heart of the tale is former soldier Captain Jefferson Kyle Kidd, a septuagenarian who, armed with a portfolio of newspapers from around the globe, makes a living traveling among the far-flung outposts of Texas sharing the “news of the world” with a frontier populace hungry for information.

As a favor to freedman Britt Johnson (hero of Jiles’s 2009 novel, *The Color of Lightning*), the captain agrees to take custody of ten-year-old orphan Johanna Leonberger and deliver her to her aunt and uncle who live near San Antonio, some 400 miles away.

And so begins a remarkable journey as the girl—recently rescued from the Kiowa family that raised her as one of their own after her parents and sister were killed in an Indian raid—and the aging, widowed captain set out. Along the way the unlikely pair, who don’t even share a common language, work in concert to stave off the dangers of the road, from storms to highwaymen. When they finally arrive at their destination, the captain faces a wrenching decision: abandon a child to an indifferent, albeit “safe” home... or risk stepping outside the letter of the law to save her.

Greenwich Reads Together

Fall 2017



What is Greenwich Reads Together?

Greenwich Reads Together is a community-wide reading experience which will engage all of Greenwich in exploring a single book. The goal of Greenwich Reads Together is to deepen engagement in literature through reading and discussion and to build community connections. The Steering Committee leading this effort includes Greenwich Library, Greenwich Alliance for Education, Greenwich Arts Council, Greenwich Historical Society, Greenwich Pen Women, Greenwich Public and Independent Schools, Perrot Memorial Library, and Retired Men’s Association of Greenwich.

Visit our website www.greenwichreadstogether.org to find book and film suggestions for further exploration, as well as discussion guides, links to interviews with the author and much more.

We invite the community to join us for programs and discussion groups which are free and open to the public. Reading *News of the World* is encouraged, but not necessary to attend these programs. Copies in many formats can be borrowed from the Library or purchased from Diane's Books.

Author Talk: Paulette Jiles
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 7 PM



Novelist, poet, and memoirist Paulette Jiles was raised in the Missouri Ozarks. After moving to Canada to work as a journalist, she won a Governor General's Award (Canada's highest literary honor) for her 1984 poetry collection, *Celestial Navigation*.

She returned to the United States in 1989 and in 2002 won a Rogers Writers' Trust Fiction Prize for her novel *Enemy Women*. *News of the World*, a finalist for the National Book Award, is her sixteenth published book. She currently lives, writes, and rides from a small ranch in Texas.

Jiles will speak to Greenwich public and private school students on the following day. Books will be available for purchase and signing through Diane's Books.

Free and open to all, but seating in the Cole Auditorium is limited and will be available by registration beginning on October 24 through the Library's calendar at www.greenwichlibrary.org. Doors will open at 6:00 p.m. The Essay Contest presentation will begin at 6:30 p.m.

For more information, please call (203) 622-7910.

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"And that's the way it is" News Producers in Conversation
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 7 PM

Debate about the news is one of the hottest topics today. Join us as we kick off Greenwich Reads Together with an important conversation about network news production with two veterans of the industry. Former NBC *Today Show* producer, Susan LaSalla will join longtime *Today Show* Executive Producer, Jim Bell, who is currently President, NBC Olympics Production and Programming as they discuss their experiences producing network news and how news coverage has evolved throughout their careers.

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Film: The Searchers
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20, 8 PM

Directed by John Ford. With John Wayne, Vera Miles, Natalie Wood, Jeffrey Hunter, Ward Bond. What better complement to *News of the*

World than this epic tale of Wayne rescuing his niece from her Comanche abduction. 119 min.

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Dramatic Changes in the Newspaper Industry

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 11 AM

The Retired Men's Association of Greenwich will present a talk on the newspaper industry. The talk will begin with the historical context for information distribution in *News of the World*.

Then Lincoln Millstein, Senior VP and Special Assistant to the CEO, Hearst Corporation, will discuss the newspaper industry over the past 25 years. Hearst is one of the nation's largest diversified media and information companies. Its major interests include magazine, newspaper and business publishing, cable networks, television and radio broadcasting, digital businesses, and more. Mr. Millstein is an Old Greenwich resident. Free and open to all. For more information, visit www.greenwichma.org.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
1 LAFAYETTE PLACE, GREENWICH

The Captured: A True Story of Abduction by Indians on the Texas Frontier

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 7 PM

Paulette Jiles cites author Scott Zesch's book as a primary source for *News of the World*. The author will share his narrative history which follows the lives of nine children who were abducted and then adopted by Comanches and Apaches in Texas between 1865 and 1871. The narrative weaves their rugged adventures into a single tale, set against a background of intense political wrangling and bloody confrontation between the U.S. government and native people. The book draws from author Scott Zesch's extensive original research, including numerous archival and family sources. Register on the Library's online calendar at www.greenwichlibrary.org starting October 3.

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Film: Lonesome Dove
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26, 7 PM

All star ensemble cast led by Robert Duvall, Tommy Lee Jones, Angelica Huston. This sweeping epic of the Old West was based on the Pulitzer Prize winning novel by Larry McMurtry.

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21 MEAD AVENUE, GREENWICH

Bruce Museum and Perrot Memorial Library present: Woodland Indians of Connecticut

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29,
TWO SESSIONS 2 PM AND 3:15 PM

Return with us to the world of the original Native American residents of the area now known as Greenwich in a fascinating presentation on the hunting practices, food, dress, games, and family life of the Native Americans of this region. This is a hands-on program: school-age children and their parents/caregivers will be able to touch replicas of the very items used by our region's Woodland Indians to make a life in their surrounding environment.

Pre-registration is required at the Perrot Library Adult Circulation Desk. (Limit: 25).

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PERROT MEMORIAL LIBRARY,
90 SOUND BEACH AVENUE, OLD GREENWICH

Family Music: Sounds of Texas with Gunsmoke

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 7 PM

Country Western favorite Gunsmoke returns to the Byram Shubert Library to share music from Texas inspired by the settings described in *News of the World*. Free and open to all.

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21 MEAD AVENUE, GREENWICH

Harmonious Migrations with Ibex Puppetry

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2-4 PM

Greenwich Historical Society will sponsor a puppetry performance presented by Ibex Puppetry. Children ages 5-12 will learn about the interconnectivity of the elements in the environment as they relate to crane flyways and illustrate how Native people of North America participate in the same planetary dance as the crane and all creations. 45-minute performance followed by a puppet and Native American crafts workshop. Advance registration is required. Visit www.greenwichhistory.org/children or call 203-869-6899 ext. 10.

VANDERBILT EDUCATION CENTER,
GREENWICH HISTORICAL SOCIETY,
39 STRICKLAND ROAD, COS COB

Children's Book Donation

From October 2-14, Greenwich Alliance for Education will collect new or gently used children's books in donation boxes at Greenwich Library and its Byram Shubert and Cos Cob branches and at the Perrot Library. On October 18, donated books will be distributed to children at the Boys and Girls Club of Greenwich. Please no reference or text books, magazines or anything dusty or musty. For more information, please contact the Greenwich Alliance for Education at (203) 340-2323 or visit www.greenwichalliance.org.

Essay Contest

Greenwich Rotary Club will sponsor an essay contest for students attending Greenwich public and independent schools in grades 6-12. Cash prizes will be awarded in two categories (6-8th grades and 9-12th grades). Winners will be honored on the evening of November 14 at the author talk in Greenwich Library's Cole Auditorium.

The 2017 GRT Essay Questions are:

1) Compare and contrast the selection and delivery of the news in *News of the World* by Paulette Jiles to the methods by which news is selected and delivered to you in 2017. How do these methods influence your understanding of current events?

OR

2) How does your reading of *The Ransom of Mercy Carter* by Caroline B. Cooney make you aware of the challenges of adapting to a new community? You may want to consider addressing issues raised in the book such as identity, loyalty, and family

Essays will be evaluated for clarity of expression, persuasiveness, originality, and connection with the GRT book, *News of the World*, or with the companion book, *The Ransom of Mercy Carter*. Essays must be double-spaced, 1,000 words or less (exclusive of any citations), and submitted as a Word or Google Document via e-mail on or before October 30, 2017 to GRTcontest@gmail.com. Please include your name, grade, and school in the body of the e-mail.

For full details, please visit www.greenwichreadstogether.org.

Discussion Groups

Organize your own group or join with our community to explore *News of the World* at one or more of these discussion groups.

Greenwich Pen Women, a branch of the National League of American Pen Women, will provide leaders for book discussion groups of all ages, from teens through seniors. Call Lee Paine at (203) 637-3764 for further information.

Online Book Discussion
OCTOBER 16-NOVEMBER 15

This year, join us as we extend our book discussion to social media. Each week, we'll post discussion questions on Greenwich Library's Twitter profile @gwlibrary. Share your thoughts and make sure to include #2017GRT.

Discussion Groups for Children and Teens

Bookworms Book Club
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 4:00 PM



Students in grades 2-3 will read the Greenwich Reads Together companion book, *The Girl Who Loved Wild Horses* by Paul Goble. Pre-registration required, limit 20 participants. Register

and pick up a book at the Children's Room Desk or call (203) 622-7940 for information.
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101 W. PUTNAM AVENUE, GREENWICH

Junior Book Club

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 4:30 PM



Students in grades 4-6 will read the Greenwich Reads Together companion book, *The Ransom of Mercy Carter* by Caroline B. Cooney. Pre-registration required, limit 20 participants. Register and pick up a book

at the Children's Room Desk or Second Floor Reference Desk or call (203) 622-7940 for information.
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101 W. PUTNAM AVENUE, GREENWICH

Book Wizards Book Club
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 5:30 PM

Students in grades 4-6 will read the Greenwich Reads Together companion book, *The Ransom of Mercy Carter* by Caroline B. Cooney. Advance registration is required. Call the Cos Cob Library at 203-622-6883 to register.
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Greenwich Public Schools

Greenwich High School will hold Greenwich Reads Together Day on November 15 with programs for students, faculty, and staff, including a visit from author Paulette Jiles.

Student discussions and group activities not open to the general public will take place at the Middle Schools. *Activities will be held for younger students at the Greenwich Public elementary schools.*

Discussion Groups for Adults

Cos Cob Library will offer two book discussions which are open to all, but aimed primarily at adults. The Brown Bag Book Club will meet Wednesday, October 18, at 12 p.m. to discuss *News of the World* and the Thursday Evening Book Club will meet Thursday, November 2, at 7:30 p.m. to discuss *News of the World*.
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The Friends of Greenwich Library

will host a drop-in book discussion of *News of the World* on Tuesday, October 10, at 1 p.m. All are welcome to attend. No registration required. For further information, call Anne Shafqat in the Friends Office at (203) 622-7938.
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The Byram Book Club will meet Tuesday, October 10, at 3:45 p.m. For more information, please call (203) 531-0426.
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21 MEAD AVENUE, BYRAM

The International Book Club is open to adults on Tuesday, October 24 at 5 p.m. For more information, please call (203) 531-0426.
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The First Presbyterian Church of Greenwich

will host a discussion of *News of the World* on Sunday, October 22, at 11:30 a.m. as part of their Adult Education program. The public is welcome, no reservations required. For further information, contact Terry Lohmeyer at Terryhl@aol.com or by phone at (203) 249-9412.

EDNA ANDERSON CHAPEL,
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GREENWICH,
1 W. PUTNAM AVENUE, GREENWICH

At Home in Greenwich will host a discussion of *News of the World* on Tuesday, October 10 at 10 a.m. at Second Congregational Church. The public is welcome to attend. To RSVP, contact Lise Jameson at (203) 422-2342.
SECOND CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH,
139 EAST PUTNAM AVENUE, GREENWICH

