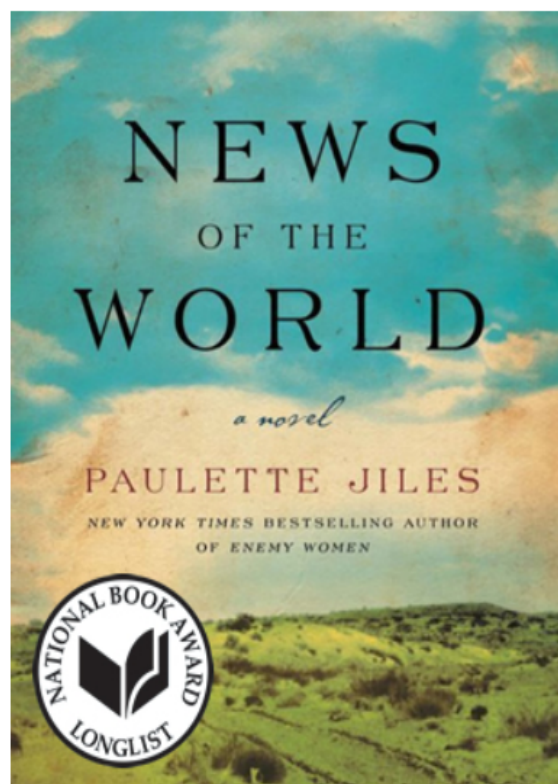


This October  
Gulf Coast Reads  
**NEWS OF THE WORLD**  
by  
**Paulette Jiles**



1870, North Texas, rainy and cold. Captain Jefferson Kyle Kidd travels from town to town giving readings from the latest newspapers, bringing the news of the world to isolated towns on the Texas frontier. In Wichita Falls, he is asked to return a captive girl to her relatives near San Antonio, 400 miles to the south. The old man and the ten-year-old start out on a hazardous journey, no less risky because the girl considers herself now a Kiowa and does not have the slightest desire to return. Bandits and Comanche raids and violent weather make as many difficulties as the ten-year-old girl who can't speak English eats with her hands and knows how to use a revolver. In the end, he finds he must

return her to relatives who don't want her, even though he and the girl have become trusting friends. A story of courage and honor and the truth that these two things are often the possession of even the unlikeliest people.

Book Discussion Group of Mysteries and More  
October Pick: *News of the World*, by Paulette Jiles  
October 10, 2017 at 6 p.m.

Special event presented by Dr. Ken Grubb:  
*"No News is Good News: People, Politics, and Propaganda in Reconstruction Texas."*  
October 12, 2017 at 7 p.m.

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