

*Curative Waters*

Toned, gelatin silver prints

Cotton embroidery thread

10" x 8"

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Response to News of the World by Paulette Jiles

*"If people had true knowledge of the world perhaps they would not take up arms..."*

There is an innocence to understanding that is worth a pause.

*"People need not only information, but tales of the remote, the mysterious..."*

Our world is small but our minds can be vast.

*"The greatest pride of the Kiowa was to do without, to make use of anything at hand... Life was not safe and nothing could make it so... The baseline of human life was courage."*

We are capable of being the strong and kind people we truly are.

These are traditional symbols used by the American Indians - a horse represents journey; a tepee represents temporary home; the medicine man's eye represents wise, watchful; sun rays represent constancy; crossed arrows represent friendship. Each symbol is embroidered into the photograph of a nearby creek, merging the symbol's meaning with the constant flow of the water to create a metaphorical remedy.

Image titles:

1. Journey
2. Temporary Home
3. Wise, Watchful
4. Constancy
5. Friendship