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■ Book program to discuss her novel "The Invention of Wings."

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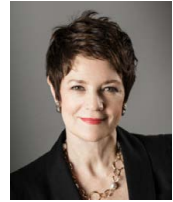
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Author Teresa Miller will oversee Tulsa Reads' Novel Talk discussion with Sue Monk Kidd.
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Kidd



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Sue Monk Kidd's novel "The Invention of Wings," about the intertwined lives of two young women in the antebellum South, will be the subject of Novel Talk, the book discussion program presented as part of Tulsa Reads.

Tulsa Reads is a collaborative effort by the Tulsa City-County Library, Tulsa Town Hall and the Oklahoma Center for Poets and Writers at OSU-Tulsa.

This edition of Novel Talk is titled "I'll Fly Away: Freedom of the Body and Freedom of the Mind in Sue Monk Kidd's 'The Invention of Wings.'"

Teresa Miller, novelist and director of the Oklahoma Center for Poets and Writers, will oversee the discussion.

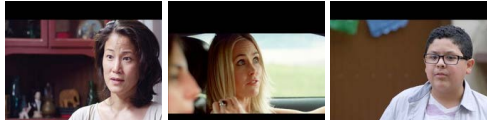
Other participants will be Kristen Oertel, Mary Francis Barnard associate professor of American history at the University of Tulsa; Kelli McCloud-Schingen, president of KMS Intercultural Consulting; and Mana Tahaie, director of Mission Impact at the YWCA.



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Kidd's novel is based on the history of Sarah Grimke, a member of a slave-holding family in South Carolina who would become a staunch abolitionist and women's right advocate, whose writings would influence Harriet Beecher Stowe to create "Uncle Tom's Cabin."

When she is 11, Sarah is presented with the "gift" of a slave, a girl named Hettie, nicknamed "Handful" for her willful nature. Sarah, whose anti-slavery attitudes are already well-formed, initially wants to reject this gift.

However, an uneasy alliance forms between the women, each of whom struggles with limitations and injustices imposed upon them by society.



Kidd will be the guest of the Oklahoma Center for Poets and Writers for "Up Close and Personal with Sue Monk Kidd," 7 p.m. Oct. 1 at the Cascia Hall PAC, 2520 S. Yorktown Ave. Tickets for this event are \$10; 918-596-7111, myticketoffice.com.

Kidd will speak at Tulsa Town Hall at 10:30 a.m. Oct. 2 at the Tulsa PAC, 101 E. Third St.

The Tulsa Town Hall season is sold out.

Event: 7 p.m. Tuesday at Harwelden, 2210 S. Main St.

Admission: Free. poetsandwriters.okstate.edu

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