

LIBROS Collaborative Book 2016

Book Project Title: Our Most Exquisite Transformation

A Coloring Book

The project is a combination of an “Exquisite Corpse”, originally an idea of the Surrealists, in which a collection of words or images is collectively assembled, and a kind of children’s book known as a “Body Flip Book”. The book will be in black and white, allowing each member to add color as they wish.

Process and Book Specifications:

1. Each person does one drawing, black and white, size 8 ½” tall by 5 ½” wide, using the template provided*. The drawing may be done on any white paper desired, using any black/white medium.

When making your drawing, you MUST pay attention to the line-ups on the template where the neck of your figure meets the shoulders and where the hips meet the legs! Otherwise, your figure’s body parts will not meet up correctly with the other figures in the book.

Please sign your drawing somewhere on the bottom section. This will tell us to whom to return the original, as well as recording ownership of your drawing in the book.

2. The drawings should be brought to the January LIBROS meeting and given to Barbara Barnette. If you cannot bring it to the January meeting, you may mail it to Barbara by January 19. Or, it may be dropped off to Barbara on January 21 from 10AM to noon at the Manzano Mesa Multi-Generational Center, Room 3. NO DRAWINGS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER JAN. 21.

3. The images will then be photocopied onto 90# watercolor paper by the Collaborative Book Committee. The photocopies will be brought ready to assemble and bind at the February meeting.

4. Cover material is the choice of the participant, but must be something that will not damage a binder (i.e. no wood, no metal, no extra-heavy cardboard or bookboard). The binder can handle cardstock and “regular” bookboard.

Because the page sections tend to be “loose”, they may hang out somewhat at the fore-edge and the bottom of the book, so think about that when measuring for your covers. For example, the sections in the mock book hang out about 1/8” at the fore-edge and about ¼” at the bottom.

5. The books will be assembled, bound, and, if desired, cut at the February meeting. So, in February, bring your finished covers, bookbinding tools, including a small cutting mat, cutting knife, and small, sharp scissors.

** If you don’t have the template, email Melinda Fay with your name and address and she will snail mail you one.*