

A RECUERDO FOR STE. OSTRICH



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para escribir el nombre de tu
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Castest thou the goodly wings unto the peacocks? wings and feathers unto the ostrich? Which leaveth her eggs in the earth, and warmeth them in dust, and forgetteth that the wild beast may break them, she is harden'd against her young ones, as though they were not hers; her labour is in vain without fear; Because God neither hath deprived her of wisdom, neither hath he imparted to her understanding.

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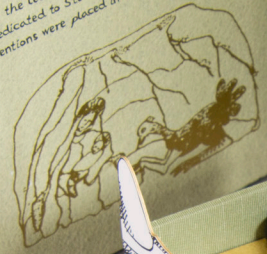


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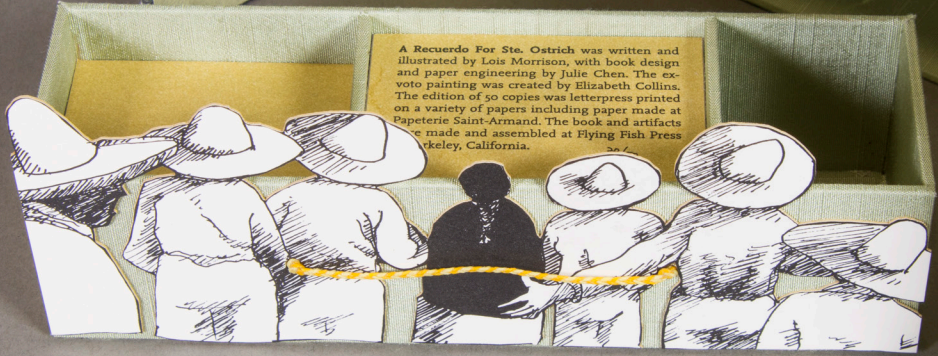
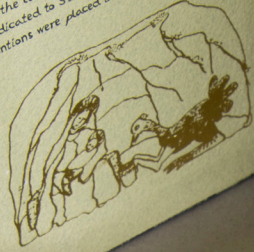
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