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With gorgeous photos, a renowned textile artist guides you through the details of her creative process—and twelve amazing projects. The embroidery of Jane E. Hall is breathtaking, and in this book she combines her love of butterflies with her outstanding talent as a textile artist to produce three-dimensional renditions of exquisitely worked butterflies almost indistinguishable from the real thing. Using the finest of silk threads and needles, Jane lovingly creates her butterflies' wings using the tiniest of stitches worked on to silk. They are then carefully cut away and the edges strengthened with hair-fine wire before being attached to the bodies, crafted from air-drying modelling medium and brushed with whisper-thin threads to resemble hairs. The butterflies are then placed within a setting of silk leaves and flowers, all made with the same painstaking attention to detail and expert skill as the butterflies themselves. This book provides a fascinating introduction to butterflies in nature, reflecting Jane's love and admiration for these exquisite creatures, and goes on to describe the materials and methods Jane uses to produce her incredible creations. Twelve projects, each based on a different butterfly including the Painted Lady, Small Tortoiseshell, and Brimstone, present the finished piece along with the materials Jane used, and the photographs, swatches, drawings, and paintings that inspired it. The story of a young girl living in the Middle Ages who took the time to observe the life cycle of butterflies--and in so doing disproved a theory that went all the way back to ancient Greece. Includes historical note. In this Nancy Drew and the Clue Crew adventure, Nancy and her friends must track down a beautiful—and very rare—butterfly when it goes missing from the new butterfly museum. Nancy, Bess, and George can't wait to check out Flutter House, an awesome new museum that's all about butterflies! The girls are thrilled when they get to see the beautiful creatures up close and personal. But soon after their class leaves, the rarest butterfly, a Blue Morpho, goes missing! It's up to the Clue Crew to get the valuable butterfly back safely. But with a long suspect list and not many clues, it's going to be a tough case for Nancy and her friends. This beautiful colouring book features over 40 stunning butterfly illustrations of Marian Merian, provided by the Royal Collection Trust. Maria Merian was an influential 17th-century entomological pioneer who made several incredible insect discoveries. While her successes were later buried and suppressed in a male-dominated field, the true extent of her brilliance has recently re-emerged. At age 52, she set sail with her daughter from the Netherlands to South America to study insects in the jungles of what is now known as Suriname. Here she spent nearly two years sketching and observing the creatures she found there. Her detailed illustrations were not only scientifically valuable, but vibrant and beautiful artworks which transported the European public to these exotic locations. This delightful colouring book includes a selection of her gorgeous butterfly and flora illustrations, provided by the archives of the Royal Collection Trust. Each double-page

spread has a black-and-white line drawing to colour and the original full-colour artwork beside it for reference. Perfect for nature-lovers, this calming colouring book will transport you to the South American jungle and its stunning wildlife. "First published by Square Peg, an imprint of Vintage"-- Title page verso. It is November 25, 1960, and three beautiful sisters have been found near their wrecked Jeep at the bottom of a 150-foot cliff on the north coast of the Dominican Republic. The official state newspaper reports their deaths as accidental. It does not mention that a fourth sister lives. Nor does it explain that the sisters were among the leading opponents of Gen. Rafael Leonidas Trujillo's dictatorship. It doesn't have to. Everybody knows of Las Mariposas—"The Butterflies." In this extraordinary novel, the voices of all four sisters—Minerva, Patria, María Teresa, and the survivor, Dedé—speak across the decades to tell their own stories, from hair ribbons and secret crushes to gunrunning and prison torture, and to describe the everyday horrors of life under Trujillo's rule. Through the art and magic of Julia Alvarez's imagination, the martyred Butterflies live again in this novel of courage and love, and the human cost of political oppression. A selection of children's poems and drawings reflecting their surroundings in Terezín Concentration Camp in Czechoslovakia from 1942 to 1944. "In 1699, the German artist and entomologist Maria Sibylla Merian set sail for Suriname, in South America. There she would spend two years studying the animals and plants which she encountered, aiming to explore the life-cycle of insects (then only partially understood). Those studies led to the publication of the *Metamorphosis Insectorum Surinamensium* (the *Metamorphosis of the Insects of Suriname*), a luxury volume which brought the wonders of Suriname to Europe."-- "The Butterfly Book" by W. J. Holland. Published by Good Press. Good Press publishes a wide range of titles that encompasses every genre. From well-known classics & literary fiction and non-fiction to forgotten—or yet undiscovered gems—of world literature, we issue the books that need to be read. Each Good Press edition has been meticulously edited and formatted to boost readability for all e-readers and devices. Our goal is to produce eBooks that are user-friendly and accessible to everyone in a high-quality digital format. "Full-scale details reproduced from hand-colored transfer prints in the second edition of Maria Sibylla Merian's *Metamorphosis of the insects of Suriname*"--P. [5]. In this "deeply personal and lyrical book" (Publishers Weekly) from the New York Times bestselling author of *The Horse*, Wendy Williams explores the lives of one of the world's most resilient creatures—the butterfly—shedding light on the role that they play in our ecosystem and in our human lives. "[A] glorious and exuberant celebration of these biological flying machines...Williams takes us on a humorous and beautifully crafted journey" (The Washington Post). From butterfly gardens to zoo exhibits, these "flying flowers" are one of the few insects we've encouraged to infiltrate our lives. Yet, what has drawn us to these creatures in the first place? And what are their lives really like? In this "entertaining look at 'the world's favorite insect'" (Booklist, starred review), New York Times bestselling author and science journalist Wendy Williams reveals the inner lives of these delicate creatures, who are far more intelligent and tougher than we give them credit for. Monarch butterflies migrate thousands of miles each year from Canada to Mexico. Other species have learned how to fool ants into taking care of them. Butterflies' scales are inspiring researchers to create new life-saving medical technology. Williams takes readers to butterfly habitats across the globe and introduces us to not only various species, but "digs deeply into the lives of both butterflies and [the] scientists" (Science magazine) who have spent decades studying them. Coupled with years of research and knowledge gained from experts in the field, this accessible "butterfly biography" explores the ancient partnership between these special creatures and humans, and why they continue to fascinate us today. "Informative, thought-provoking," (BookPage, starred review) and extremely profound, *The Language of Butterflies* is a "fascinating book [that] will be of interest to anyone who has ever admired a butterfly, and anyone who cares about preserving these stunning creatures" (Library Journal). Butterflies and moths are some of the most amazing creatures in nature. There are over 180,000 different kinds and they can be found on every continent except the Antarctic. From Monarchs to swallowtails, Blue Morphos to birdwings, the intricate beauty of butterflies spans the globe and yet also settles close to home in a child's garden, local park or window box. This large-format book

brings the vibrancy and ecosystem of butterflies to life with simple text and gorgeous illustrations, covering the key butterfly and moth families and including scores of fascinating facts. Learn the unique way that butterflies see, or be amazed by the multiple double-page spreads showing wingspans in sensational detail. A stunning showcase of the world's butterflies and moths, debuting one of the UK's finest natural history illustrators, Ben Rothery. This picture book biography examines the life and career of naturalist and artist Anna Comstock (1854-1930), who defied social conventions and pursued the study of science. From the time she was a young girl, Anna Comstock was fascinated by the natural world. She loved exploring outdoors, examining wildlife and learning nature's secrets. From watching the teamwork of marching ants to following the constellations in the sky, Anna observed it all. And her interest only increased as she grew older and went to college at Cornell University. There she continued her studies, pushing back against those social conventions that implied science was a man's pursuit. Eventually Anna became known as a nature expert, pioneering a movement to encourage schools to conduct science and nature classes for children outdoors, thereby increasing students' interest in nature. In following her passion, this remarkable woman blazed a trail for female scientists today. Elly MacKay's luminous paper-cut illustrations and enchanting story encourage community, friendship, and wonderment in the beauty of everyday life. The amazing story of the life and work of the renowned botanical artist Maria Sibylla Merian is told alongside her beautiful illustrations of butterflies in this charming and elegant book. A woman ahead of her time, Maria Sibylla Merian (1647-1717) was an intrepid explorer, naturalist, scholar, as well as a magnificent artist. This lovely, impeccably designed book tells Merian's incredible life story alongside colorful reproductions of her engravings and watercolors of the butterflies she encountered during her lifetime in Germany and the Netherlands, and her seminal trip to the Dutch colony of Surinam. The book recounts Merian's monumental expedition, her work as an advocate for the slave laborers of Surinam, and her important studies of the anatomy and life cycle of the butterfly. Author Boris Friedewald employs Merian's favorite insect as a metaphor for the artist's own pioneering evolution from budding entomologist to educator, activist, and artist. A visual treasure as well as a satisfying read, this exquisite volume is the perfect gift for anyone interested in Merian's amazing life and groundbreaking body of work.

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In 1995, Jean-Dominique Bauby was the editor-in-chief of French *Elle*, the father of two young children, a 44-year-old man known and loved for his wit, his style, and his impassioned approach to life. By the end of the year he was also the victim of a rare kind of stroke to

the brainstem. After 20 days in a coma, Bauby awoke into a body which had all but stopped working: only his left eye functioned, allowing him to see and, by blinking it, to make clear that his mind was unimpaired. Almost miraculously, he was soon able to express himself in the richest detail: dictating a word at a time, blinking to select each letter as the alphabet was recited to him slowly, over and over again. In the same way, he was able eventually to compose this extraordinary book. By turns wistful, mischievous, angry, and witty, Bauby bears witness to his determination to live as fully in his mind as he had been able to do in his body. He explains the joy, and deep sadness, of seeing his children and of hearing his aged father's voice on the phone. In magical sequences, he imagines traveling to other places and times and of lying next to the woman he loves. Fed only intravenously, he imagines preparing and tasting the full flavor of delectable dishes. Again and again he returns to an "inexhaustible reservoir of sensations," keeping in touch with himself and the life around him. Jean-Dominique Bauby died two days after the French publication of *The Diving Bell and the Butterfly*. This book is a lasting testament to his life.

Roma Downey--best known as the beloved angel on the TV show *Touched by an Angel*--has created a beautiful book filled with encouragement and hope, assuring us of God's comforting presence in our lives. Ever since she was a little girl, Roma has seen butterflies as a reminder of God's presence. They have appeared to her in moments when she needed encouragement and reminded her she is not alone. In this deeply personal book, Roma shares stories from her life, alongside quotes, poems, scripture, and artwork that she prays will uplift you as they have her. Each grace-filled chapter of this beautiful full-color book covers topics such as courage, strength, gratitude, love, and kindness. Reminiscent of the message of her popular television series, *Touched by an Angel*, this book's central theme is that there is a God, He loves you, and that even in your most difficult moments, He is by your side. That though you may feel alone, you are never truly alone. The subtle butterfly theme reminds us that the wonder of God's love and kindness is sometimes reflected in the gentle whispers of his creation and that we all have the power to transform from simple caterpillars into exquisite butterflies. Written in a way that encourages you to 'dip in and out' of its flowing content, this inspiring book invites you to return to its pages again and again, as life brings new challenges or you find yourself in need of new inspiration.

Before Darwin, before Audubon, there was Maria Sibylla Merian. An artist turned naturalist known for her botanical illustrations, Merian was born just sixteen years after Galileo proclaimed that the earth orbited the sun. But at the age of fifty, she sailed from Europe to the New World on a solo scientific expedition to study insect metamorphosis—an unheard-of journey for any naturalist at that time, much less a woman. When she returned, she produced a book that secured her reputation, only to have it savaged in the nineteenth century by scientists who disdained the work of "amateurs." Exquisitely written and illustrated, *Chrysalis* takes us from golden-age Amsterdam to the Surinam tropics to modern laboratories where Merian's insights fuel a new branch of biology. Kim Todd brings to life a seventeenth-century woman whose boldness and vision would still be exceptional today. One day while Alex watched and wished, two butterflies landed on her shirt just at her shoulder and fluttered their wings. For a few moments, she held her breath, until they both lifted into the air. "Where are they going?" she wondered. And thus begins her adventure! As Alex follows the path of the two butterflies, she discovers she just might have the courage and determination it takes to achieve anything she can imagine. Through a series of fascinating encounters, a little girl learns the power of a positive mindset and perseverance when faced with challenges. I wrote the children's book *Alex and the Butterflies* and Hannah wrote the song 'I Can Do Big Things', to help children triumph over perceived limitations, so their accomplishments can be as big as their dreams. Come feel the cool and shadowed breeze, come smell your way among the trees, come touch rough bark and leathery leaves: Welcome to the night. Welcome to the night, where mice stir and furry moths flutter. Where snails spiral into shells as orb spiders circle in silk. Where the roots of oak trees recover and repair from their time in the light. Where the porcupette eats delicacies—raspberry leaves!—and coos and sings. Come out to the cool, night wood, and buzz and hoot and howl—but do beware of the great horned owl—for it's wild and it's windy way out in the woods! A curious and inventive caterpillar with an unusual technique for becoming a moth. Gramma

Tinker is an old caterpillar who lives at the end of a cherry tree branch. Leaf and Lou, ant friends who live nearby, love to hear about her many inventions. One day, Gramma shows them her greatest invention yet: the Wingmaker 77. She is preparing for an adventure, and Leaf and Lou can't imagine what it might be — especially when Gramma explains that she'll rest inside the Wingmaker for two weeks, and when she emerges she'll be "changed." Why does Gramma need to make wings? And why is she studying flying creatures to learn about flight? Change happens. Being curious about it makes it fun! "In the 17th century, when insects were called "beasts of the devil", and women were virtually excluded from the field of science, a young German woman named Maria Sibylla Merian (1647-1717) dedicated her life to the study and depiction of the metamorphosis of insects. Merian's extraordinary accomplishments in art and science and those of her most important pupils - her daughters Johanna Helena and Dorothea Maria - will be on view in Maria Sibylla Merian & Daughters: Women of Art and Science at the J. Paul Getty Museum, the Getty Center, June 10 - August 31, 2008, the first major exhibition of Merian's work in America. The exhibition will explore various aspects of Merian's career, including her hand-colored publications on flowers and insects, her successful business venture in Amsterdam as a specimen-supplier for the collectors and naturalists, and her extraordinary journey to Suriname and the scientific discoveries that resulted. Specimens of actual insects, including the large Blue Morpho butterfly, will be included in the exhibition alongside Merian's renderings - providing a rare opportunity for scholars, nature lovers, and families to experience European and exotic insects first hand." --Publisher. Featuring 600+ sketches depicting a vast array of beautiful botanicals, floral forms, plant structures, and more, Draw Like an Artist: 100 Flowers and Plants is a must-have visual reference book for student artists, botanical illustrators, urban sketchers, and anyone seeking to improve their realistic drawing skills. Designed as a contemporary, step-by-step guidebook for artists who are learning to draw botanical forms, Draw Like An Artist: 100 Flowers and Plants features an inclusive array of florals, ferns, succulents, and more, all shown from a variety of perspectives. Each set of illustrations takes you from beginning sketch lines to a finished drawing. Author Melissa Washburn is a skilled illustrator whose clear and elegant drawing style will make this a go-to sourcebook for years to come. Describes the physical characteristics, habits, and stages of development of painted lady butterflies. Waiting for Butterflies is an achingly tender portrait of a mother whose love reaches beyond the possible. When tragedy strikes, Maggie discovers a mother's love never ends--not even when her life does. Longing for her family after her sudden death, she becomes a lingering spirit and returns home where she helplessly witnesses her family's downward spiral in the aftermath of her passing. Her husband is haunted by past mistakes and struggles to redeem himself. Her teenage daughter silently drowns in her own guilt, secretly believing she caused her mother's death. Only her five-year-old, full of innocence, can sense her presence. Although limited by her family's grief and lack of faith, Maggie is determined to keep a sacred promise and save her family before her second chance runs out. For an eighth grader, Molly Williams has more than her fair share of problems. Her father has just died in a car accident, and her mother has become a withdrawn, quiet version of herself. Molly doesn't want to be seen as "Miss Difficulty Overcome"; she wants to make herself known to the kids at school for something other than her father's death. So she decides to join the baseball team. The boys' baseball team. Her father taught her how to throw a knuckleball, and Molly hopes it's enough to impress her coaches as well as her new teammates. Over the course of one baseball season, Molly must figure out how to redefine her relationships to things she loves, loved, and might love: her mother; her brilliant best friend, Celia; her father; her enigmatic and artistic teammate, Lonnie; and of course, baseball. Mick Cochrane is a professor of English and the Lowery Writer-in-Residence at Canisius College in Buffalo, New York, where he lives with his wife and two sons. Flitter, Flutter Butterfly—written by Sandra Rye Baggett—is an illustrated children's book that includes material suitable for children of all ages. The inspiration for Sandra's book came from her five-year-old granddaughter who asked her to write a butterfly song. Sandra sang the song with her grandchildren for years and used it as part of a unit for her kindergarten classes. The book provides an integrated learning experience for children, inspiring inquiry through the study of nature.

Activities are included to help parents and teachers adapt to the child's learning style. Some of the experiences provided include —questions to practice observation skills, —the life cycle of the butterfly, —journal pages allowing the child to chart butterflies/moths seen in the wild, —music to accompany the butterfly song, and —art activities. Nancy Vinson Nave, retired art teacher, beautifully illustrates the book. Sandra and Nancy were childhood classmates, and they taught in the same school system. It is their hope that parents and teachers will enjoy sharing this book with young children as much as they have enjoyed creating it. With the *Birds & Butterflies Drawing & Activity Book*, learn how to draw 17 different bird and butterfly species with three methods: tracing, grid drawing, and step-by-step drawing! This interactive book is filled with 17 wonderful winged creatures you can learn to draw, from flamingos, owls, and toucans to monarch and peacock butterflies. Packed with fun facts, quizzes, and puzzles too, the *Birds & Butterflies Drawing & Activity Book* will provide hours of artistic entertainment! Inside, three different drawing methods are featured: tracing, grid drawing, and step-by-step drawing. Five tracing pages are included so you can trace. Then try the grid method—just copy the lines and shapes into the corresponding square on the blank practice grid provided. You will also learn the same step-by-step method used by professional artists: the basic shapes method. To draw birds and butterflies like a professional does, just follow the illustrations that show how each step builds upon the last to create a finished piece of artwork. Look closely at the new lines in each step and draw the bird or butterfly on the practice page provided after each basic shapes project. Find the technique that works the best for you, and draw your favorite birds and butterflies over and over again! There are plenty of practice pages and tracing paper inside, so you have all you need to get started right away. The simple instructions will guide you through each step, making it easy to follow along. Plus, learn some fun facts about the different birds and butterflies as you learn to draw them. Activities include a bird word search, a butterfly maze, a bird map match, spot the difference, and more. With fascinating facts, fun activities, and practice pages encouraging you to get started directly in the pages of the book, you can let your inner artist take flight with the *Birds & Butterflies Drawing & Activity Book*. The all-time classic picture book, from generation to generation, sold somewhere in the world every 30 seconds! Have you shared it with a child or grandchild in your life? For the first time, Eric Carle's *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* is now available in e-book format, perfect for storytime anywhere. As an added bonus, it includes read-aloud audio of Eric Carle reading his classic story. This fine audio production pairs perfectly with the classic story, and it makes for a fantastic new way to encounter this famous, famished caterpillar. Robert F. Sibert Medal winner *Bugs*, of all kinds, were considered to be "born of mud" and to be "beasts of the devil." Why would anyone, let alone a girl, want to study and observe them? One of the first naturalists to observe live insects directly, Maria Sibylla Merian was also one of the first to document the metamorphosis of the butterfly. In this visual nonfiction biography, richly illustrated throughout with full-color original paintings by Merian herself, the Newbery Honor-winning author Joyce Sidman paints her own picture of one of the first female entomologists and a woman who flouted convention in the pursuit of knowledge and her passion for insects. Booklist Editor's Choice Chicago Public Library Best of 2018 Kirkus Best book of 2018 2018 Bulletin Blue Ribbon Book Junior Library Guild Selection New York Public Library Top 10 Best Books of 2018 SIBERT MEDAL WINNER SEVEN STARRED REVIEWS Newbery-Honor winning author Joyce Sidman explores the extraordinary life and scientific discoveries of Maria Merian, who helped pioneer the truth about metamorphosis and documented the science behind the mystery in this "exceptionally crafted visual biography" (starred review, Kirkus) that features many original paintings by Maria herself. *Classroom Worksheets and Activities* is a series of books designed to provide teachers ready to use activities with students. The focus of this book is to provide student focused material. Information evaluating, labeling and discussing the text will not be presented in this series. This includes several labeled graphic organizers and advice on how to use them in the classroom. Several of these organizers can be used for assessment. Read and find out about how a caterpillar becomes a butterfly in this colorfully illustrated nonfiction picture book. After a caterpillar comes to school in a jar, the children are captivated as it eats, grows, and eventually

becomes a beautiful Painted Lady butterfly. This is a clear and appealing environmental science book for early elementary age kids, both at home and in the classroom. Plus it includes web research prompts and an activity encouraging kids to identify the different types of butterflies all around them. This is a Level 1 Let's-Read-and-Find-Out, which means the book explores introductory concepts perfect for children in the primary grades. The 100+ titles in this leading nonfiction series are: hands-on and visual acclaimed and trusted great for classrooms Top 10 reasons to love LRFs: Entertain and educate at the same time Have appealing, child-centered topics Developmentally appropriate for emerging readers Focused; answering questions instead of using survey approach Employ engaging picture book quality illustrations Use simple charts and graphics to improve visual literacy skills Feature hands-on activities to engage young scientists Meet national science education standards Written/illustrated by award-winning authors/illustrators & vetted by an expert in the field Over 130 titles in print, meeting a wide range of kids' scientific interests Books in this series support the Common Core Learning Standards, Next Generation Science Standards, and the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) standards. Let's-Read-and-Find-Out is the winner of the American Association for the Advancement of Science/Subaru Science Books & Films Prize for Outstanding Science Series. In this beautiful nonfiction biography, a Robert F. Sibert Medal winner, the Newbery Honor-winning author Joyce Sidman introduces readers to one of the first female entomologists and a woman who flouted convention in the pursuit of knowledge and her passion for insects. One of the first naturalists to observe live insects directly, Maria Sibylla Merian was also one of the first to document the metamorphosis of the butterfly. Richly illustrated throughout with full-color original paintings by Merian herself, *The Girl Who Drew Butterflies* will enthrall young scientists. Bugs, of all kinds, were considered to be "born of mud" and to be "beasts of the devil." Why would anyone, let alone a girl, want to study and observe them? *The Girl Who Drew Butterflies* answers this question. Booklist Editor's Choice Chicago Public Library Best of the Year Kirkus Best Book of the Year Bulletin Blue Ribbon Book Junior Library Guild Selection New York Public Library Top 10 Best Books of the Year In 1660, at the age of thirteen, Maria Sibylla Merian (1647-1717) began her study of butterfly metamorphosis—years before any other scientist published an accurate description of the process. Later, Merian and her daughter ventured thousands of miles from their home in the Netherlands into the rainforests of South America seeking new and amazing insects to observe and illustrate. Years after her death, Merian's accurate and beautiful illustrations were used by scientists, including Carl Linnaeus, to classify species, and today her prints and paintings are prized by museums around the world. More than a dozen species of plants and animals are named after Merian. The first Merian biography written for ages 10 and up, this book will enchant budding scientists and artists alike. Readers will be inspired by Merian's talent, curiosity, and grit and will be swept up in the story of her life, which was adventurous even by today's standards. With its lively text, quotations from Merian's own study book, and fascinating sidebars on history, art, and science, this volume is an ideal STEAM title for readers of all ages and interests. Maria Sibylla Merian was fascinated with insects. But when Maria was a girl in the mid-1600s, superstitions about bugs prevented most people from taking a close look. People thought bugs were evil—and anyone interested in such creatures was surely evil too. That didn't stop Maria. Filled with curiosity, she began to study and paint them. She even witnessed silkworms form cocoons and transform into moths—discovering metamorphosis! Painting and drawing as she studied, Maria pushed the boundaries of what girls were expected to do, eventually gaining recognition as one of the first entomologists and scientific illustrators. This gorgeously illustrated biography celebrates a fascinating female pioneer who broke boundaries in both the arts and sciences. This is a full-size facsimile of the magnum opus of Maria Sibylla Merian, a significant contributor to the field of entomology because of her careful observations and documentation of the metamorphosis of the butterfly. Merian, a German naturalist and scientific illustrator, was one of the foremost female scientists of the 17th century. In 1705, she published *Metamorphosis Insectorum Surinamensium*, for which she became famous. No more than 30 copies of this masterwork are left worldwide. With imagination and power, the award-winning Pinkney duo celebrates MLK's nonviolent struggle for

civil rights -- as he transforms America through the spirit of love.

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