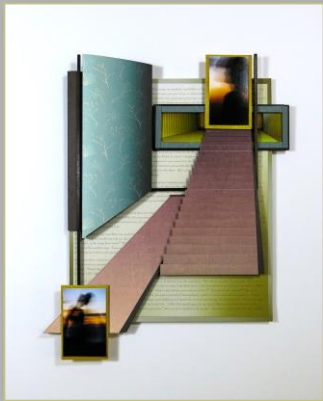


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The Inspiration for My Series:
"THIS IS THE BOOK WE NEVER WROTE"

About 20 years ago, I wrote a collection of personal essays, describing various life experiences, relationships, and milestones. I always intended to publish them someday. When my son learned of this project, he said, "We should do this together- you write the essays, and I'll illustrate them!" We both loved the idea; he was a phenomenal artist, brimming with spontaneity and unbound imagination.

Tragically, we never got to realize this plan. My son passed away in 2020, an unspeakable, unnatural loss. While I will always live with a broken heart, my voice is returning. This series honors his memory and our unfulfilled collaboration.



She Took the Bitterness
and Gave Me the Honey



I Didn't Know You



I Balance My Life
In the Garden



Not Your
Mother's Sisterhood



On Time



Fireworks and Roses



Like A Mother