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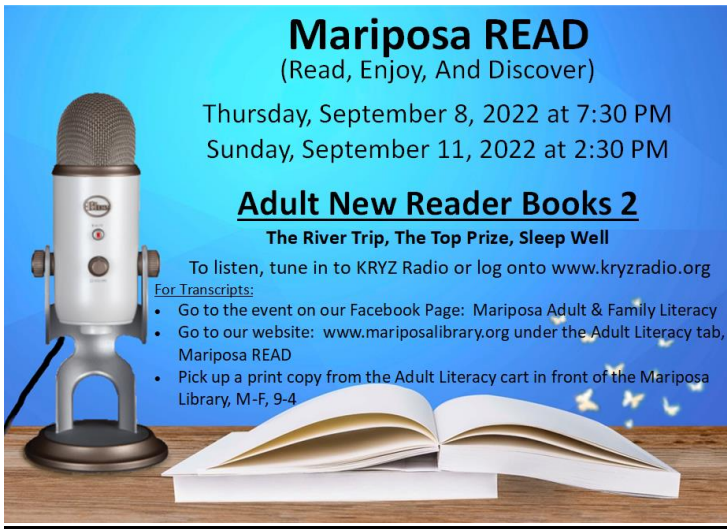
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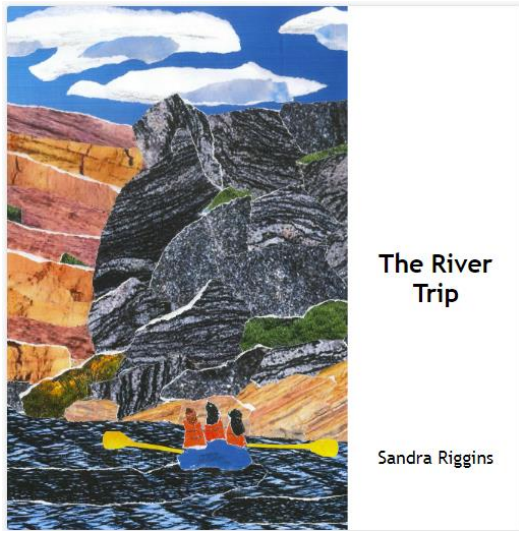
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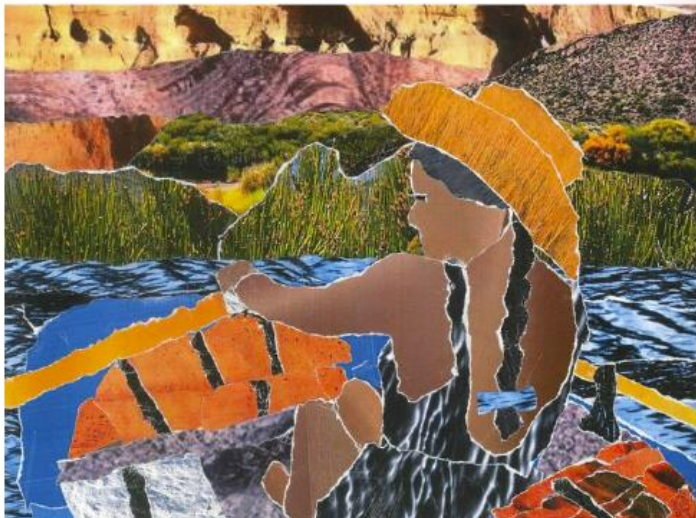


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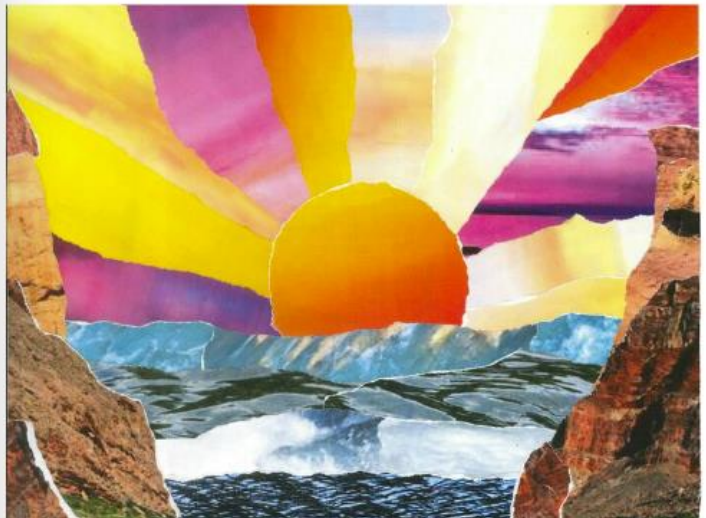
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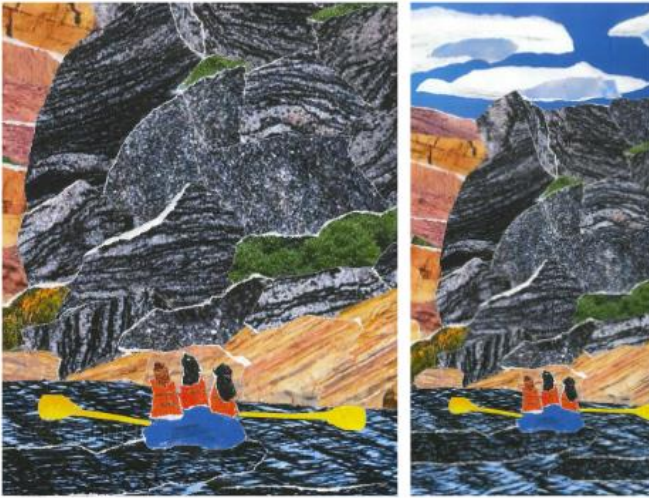
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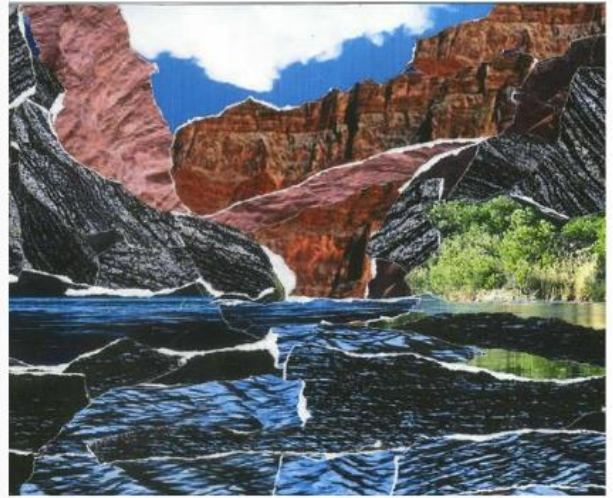
Rosa works on the river. She is a river guide.



She loves the sun. It is warm. She loves the water. It is cool.



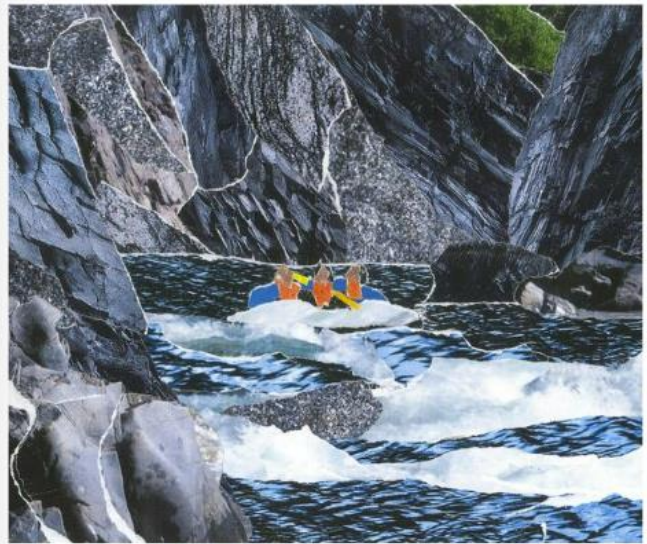
It is a fun job. Rosa takes people on her raft.



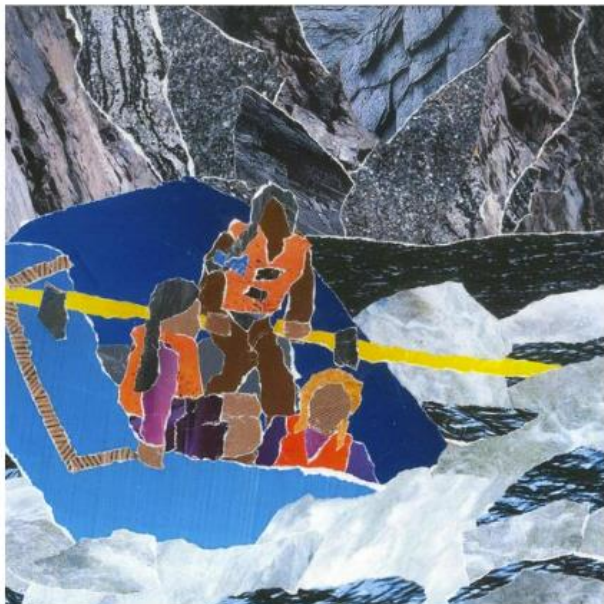
The cliffs are tall. They are rocky.



The water makes big waves. They are called rapids.



The rapids are big. They are strong. This big rapid is called Skull Rapid.



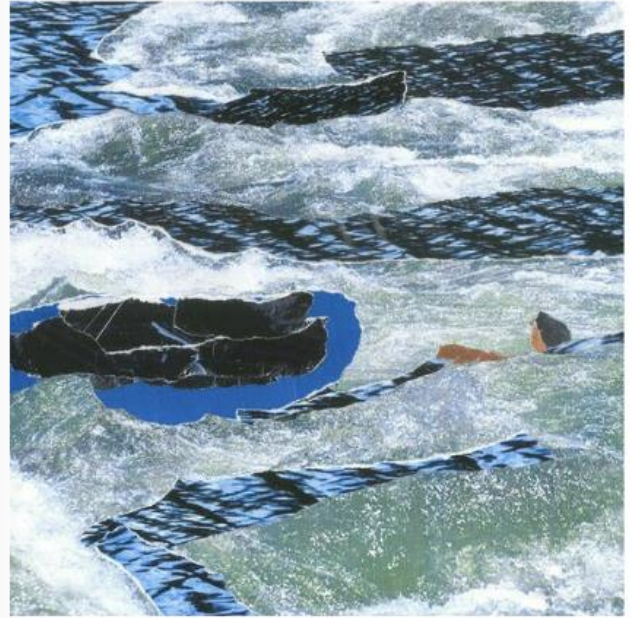
Rosa's raft goes into the rapid.



The wave is too big. The raft tips over.



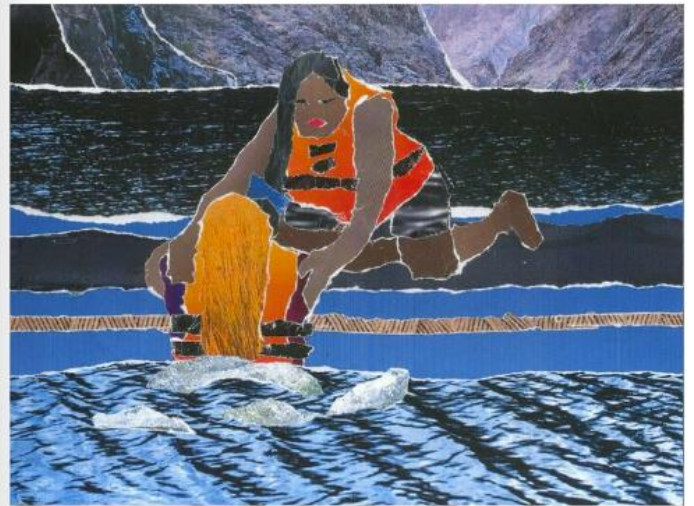
People fall out of the raft.



The raft is upside down.



Rosa grabs the rope. She gets on the raft.



Rosa helps others get on the raft.



Rosa pulls people from the water. People are scared. But they are safe.



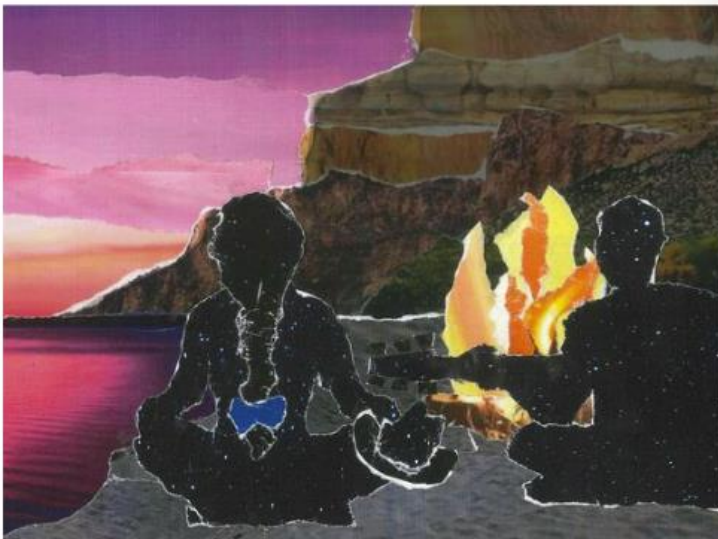
People help turn the raft over.



There will be no more rapids today. The people stop to rest.



They eat and talk. The fire feels warm.



They are glad to be safe.



**The End**



### The Top Prize

by  
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Back in 1956, when I was 19 years old,  
I was in a car club.  
I went to a lot of drag races.

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A car race was a new thing for me.  
It got my heart rate up, from the start line  
all the way to the end!

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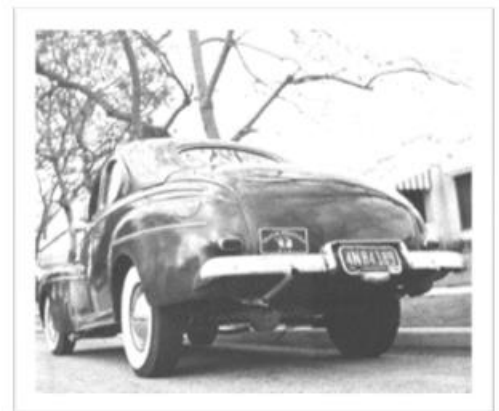
I wanted to race, but my old Ford V-8 motor  
ran too hot and stopped!



My pal put a 1954 Cadillac motor in his 1947 car.  
It was so much faster!



So, I put a 1955 Cadillac motor in my 1942 Ford.



Now the old Ford was a "Ford-il-lac."  
It was very fast!



One time, my buddy Jim and I drove the Ford-il-lac all the way from Texas to California.



We sped down old 66 at 90 mph.



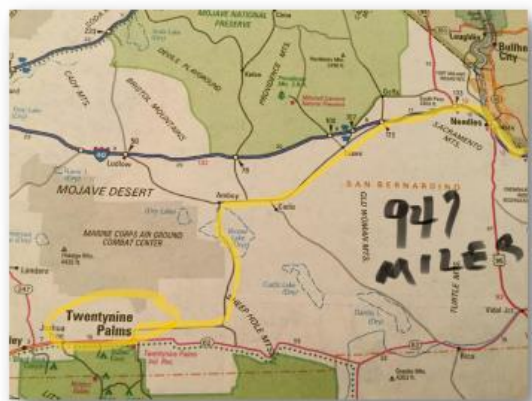
I went slow in all the small towns. We saw only one car in 10 miles or so.



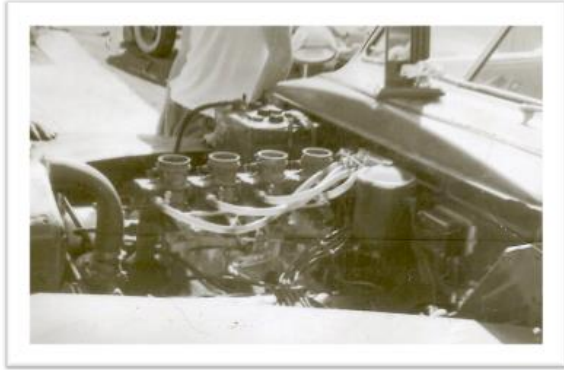
If we saw no other cars, it was safe to open the cut-out pipes. Then I sped up to 115 mph. It was LOUD like a jet plane at take-off!



In the dark, we used my 2 spotlights to see a long way down the road.



We went just short of 1,000 miles in 17 hours!



On the start line of a race,  
you hear . . . and feel a big loud motor rev up,  
like the roar of a jet!



Then . . . the car takes off like a rocket  
in smoke, fire and fumes!



You smell the burn of rubber.

You feel the tires spin  
as the car slides to one side.



One time at the dragstrip, a kid from the club  
said the Ford-il-lac was too slow to go  
90 mph on that track.



It was time to find out.

In the very first race, my car broke 90 mph.

In fact, it hit 91.09!



The next week our club was at the night races.



I had 3 pals for my pit crew.

They tuned the Ford-il-lac so it ran like a top.



I was off in a blast of smoke and fire!



My Ford-il-lac beat a Corvette!



We won the top prize in our class!



In the '50's, kids bought old junkers and welded together parts from different cars. With a cutting torch and a welder, they could create anything.

BEFORE



AFTER



THE AUTHOR  
WITH THE  
FORDILLAC



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Sleep Well

Cecile Pecoraro

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It is late. It is time for bed.



I drink a cup of tea.



I turn off the TV. I turn off my phone.



I look at my bed and it is nice.



This is my soft pillow. This is my warm blanket.



Sometimes I put a mask on my eyes to make it dark.



I turn off the light.



I lie down in bed. I go to sleep.



There is a loud noise! It wakes me up.



I turn on the light.



I get out of bed to see what it is.



I see my cat! He is playing!



Now I cannot sleep. What can I do? I need to sleep.



If I do not sleep, I am very tired. It is hard to think. It is hard to work.



I put ear plugs in my ears.



I drink some water.



I turn off the light.



My body needs the rest. I am very still.



I close my eyes. I go to sleep.



The End