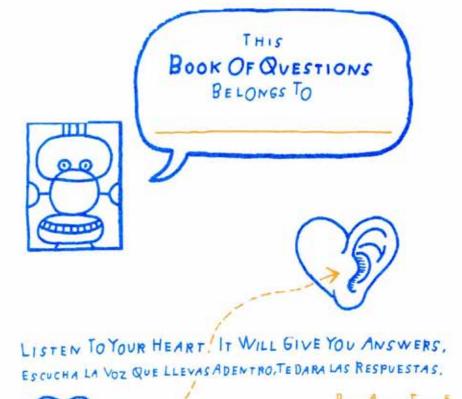
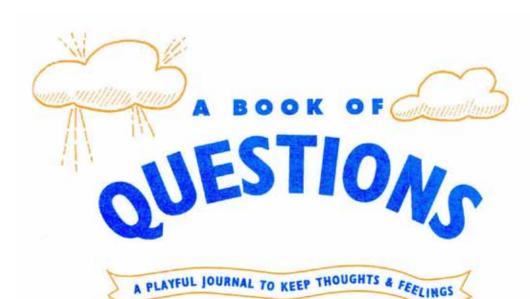


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For Carlota,
who has so many questions:
May you find the answers,
And never take "no" for an answer.

HOW TO USE THIS JOURNAL

I originally wrote this book of questions as a way to help me think through the many questions I had in my life, for **posing questions puts one on the path to finding answers**.

I found that the book, once published, took on its own life. Over the years I've received letters from a wide range of users—from teachers and children in elementary schools, to teenagers and young adults looking for fun and self-enlightenment, to harried business executives and working parents seeking a way to relax and touch base with themselves, to people in senior citizen centers wanting to reflect on their lives.

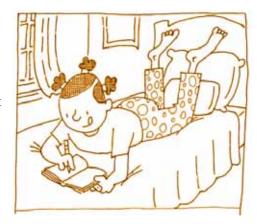
Many educators use this book of questions to encourage youngsters and adults who are learning how to read and write English to practice language, reading, and creative skills. Many teachers use the individual questions as subjects for essays, poems, and plays. Some have even replicated individual pages in poster form and asked each student to enter his or her contribution. Others have used the book as a model to encourage students to write their own journal of questions and answers.

For those who teach young and old how to read and write English or Spanish as a second language, A *Book of Questions* can be an invaluable tool for helping people try their new language skills in a nonthreatening manner. The questions are offered in both languages.

This book has also been used by many counselors in therapy and recovery programs that encourage journal-keeping as a way to help people heal. I have found that writing a few minutes a day in this little book leads to better self-understanding.

For those of you who are parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles or big brothers and sisters, why not sit down with the child in your life one night or Sunday morning and answer a question together? Doing so can give you a unique insight into how your minds and spirits work. If your children are too young to read the questions on the page, you can read it for them aloud and ask the children to dictate a response that you can write for them. This will reinforce the value of their voice. That often was the way I encouraged my own daughter to write and to believe that what she thought was important.

But there is one thing to remember, too, in using this book. It is foremost a resource to have fun with, the fun that comes from having your own private journal to keep the thoughts that are yours alone, that capture your jokes and laughter, your sweet madness, your special way of looking at life and the world. Make this book your own personal treasure chest.



(This book is formatted as an interactive digital journal. When downloaded, it will allow your students to type directly on their computer screens into the areas under the writing prompts. When a student is done typing, simply save the document until the next time she or he is inspired to make new entries. Students can print out any individual pages that they want.)

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This book will be unlike any other you have read because it will be written by you. It will hold the thoughts and feelings that belong only to you.

So many of us say we want to keep a journal, but when we decide to try, we're not quite sure what to write in it.

This book will enable you to begin, because it provides a simple way for you to think about your life; it questions you and encourages you to respond with written thoughts.

And such writing will help you decipher yourself. The questions in this book are here to help you to talk to and know yourself better through your written responses to them. They are questions I have asked myself throughout my life. I believe they will have meaning for you, too.

They are here to help you take your pulse, to hear your special voice. The questions are meant to free you, to amuse you, to puzzle you, to help you break away from the hard work you do.

A BOOK OF QUESTIONS

Choose the ones you want to answer in any order; feel free to change them to meet your own needs—they are merely a guide. Simply write whatever thoughts come to mind in the space provided under the questions, and add to them with time. There also is a place to write the date for the thought.

Don't worry if you don't have answers to a particular question. Come back to it when you feel ready.

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Enjoy my book of questions. Through use, it becomes your book of answers. Remember, once you complete it, there will be no book like it in the world because it is created by you. Start this book when you are ready to listen to yourself.

A BOOK OF QUESTIONS

Sincerely,

Bill Zimmermon

P.S. Dear reader,

I have included a special message throughout the book written in sign language that can be deciphered with help from the sign language alphabet found on the following page. By spelling out the sign letters found on the bottom of each left-hand page, you will discover this message to sweeten your path to answers. I use sign language in this book because, increasingly, many of us are learning this beautiful language as a way to communicate with others. You also will see that the book's questions are written in Spanish, as well as in English, as so many of us also are beginning to use this language in our daily lives.

Enjoy!

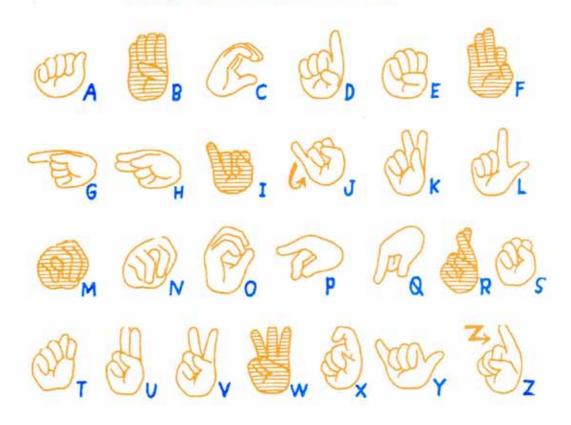
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AND REMEMBER, THERE ARE NO "RIGHT & ANSWERS " ONLY THOSE THAT COME FROM YOUR HEART.



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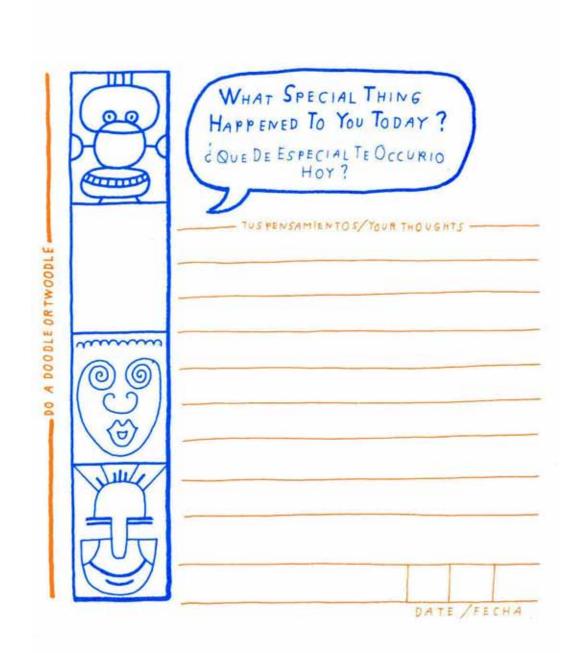
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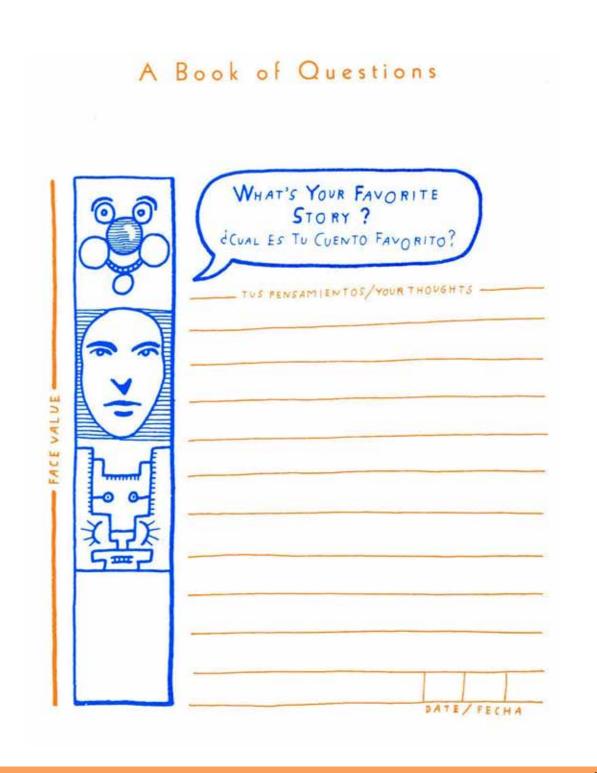


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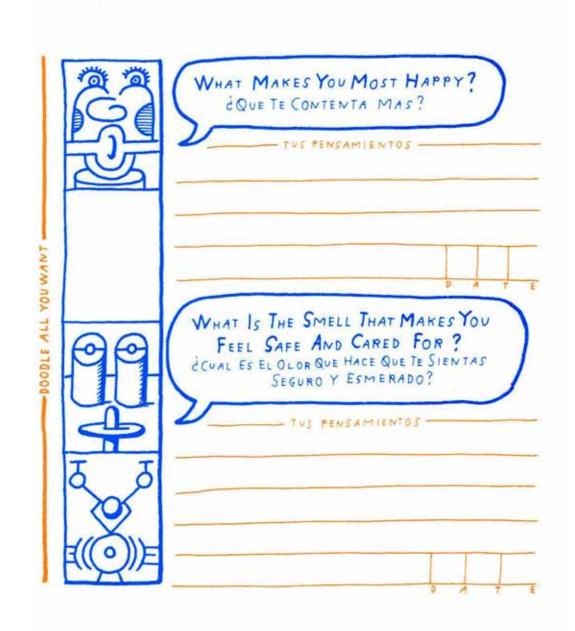
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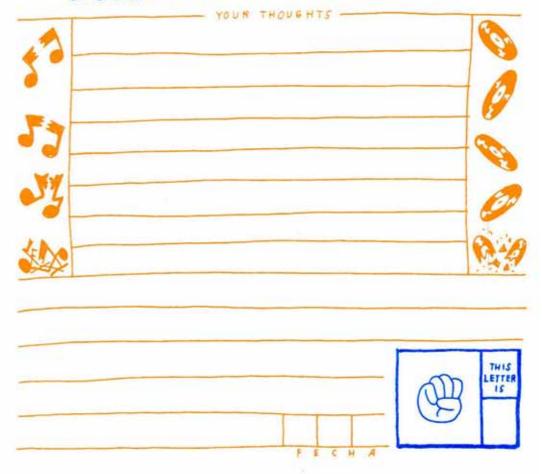


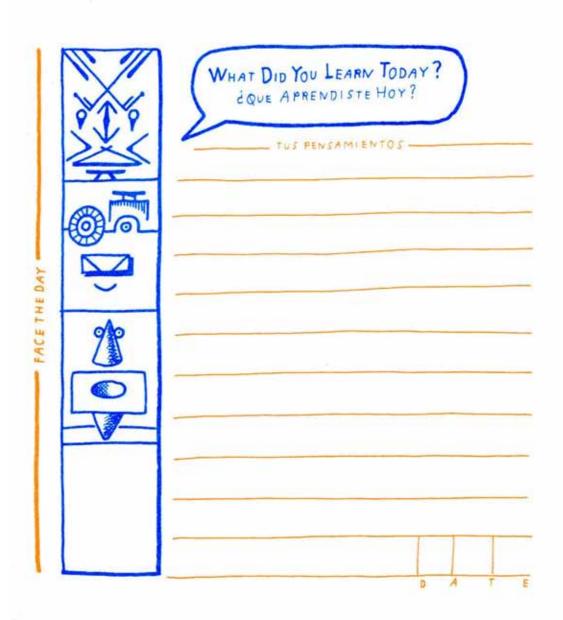
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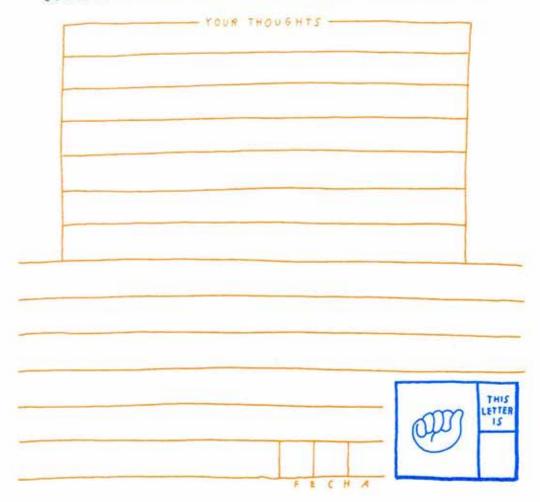
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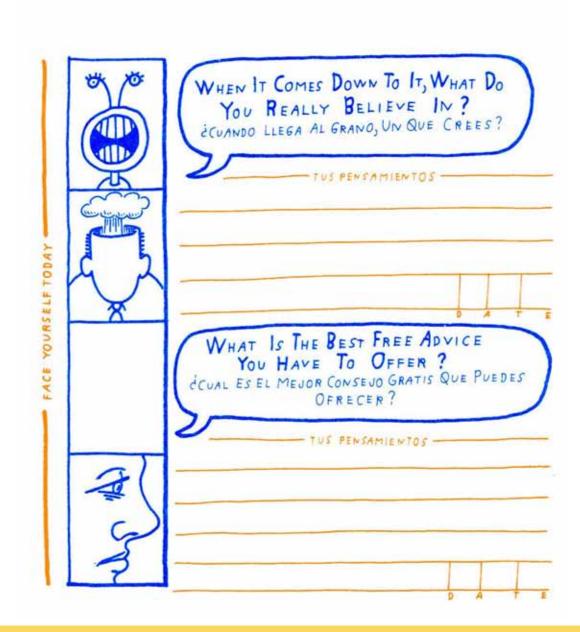
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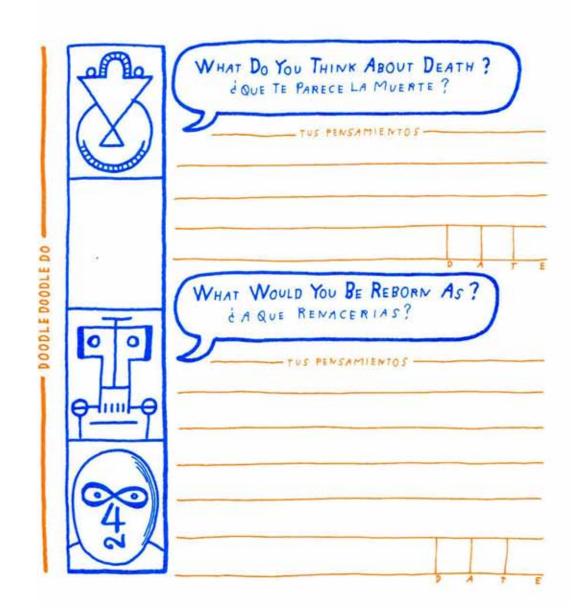


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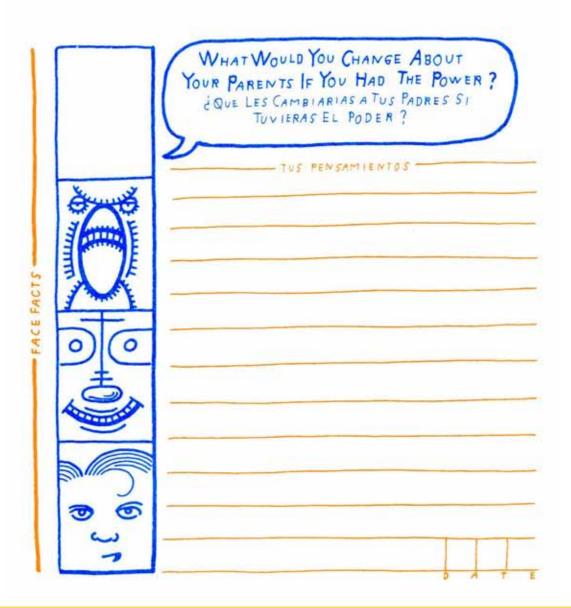




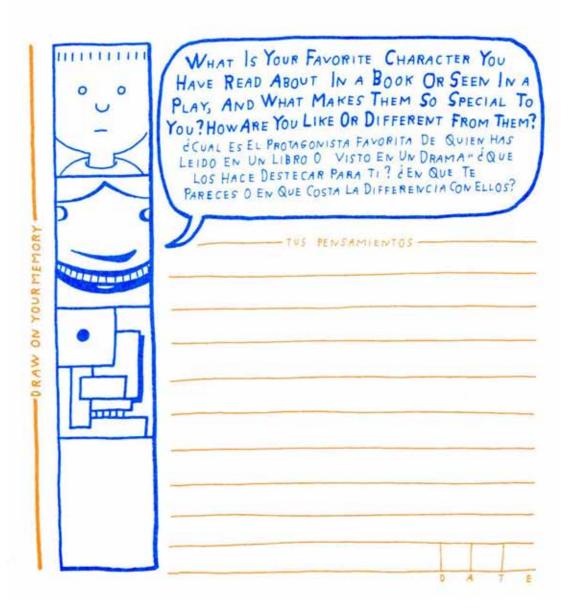
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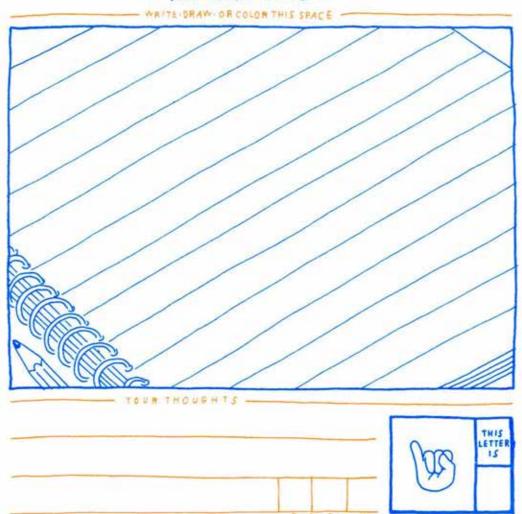
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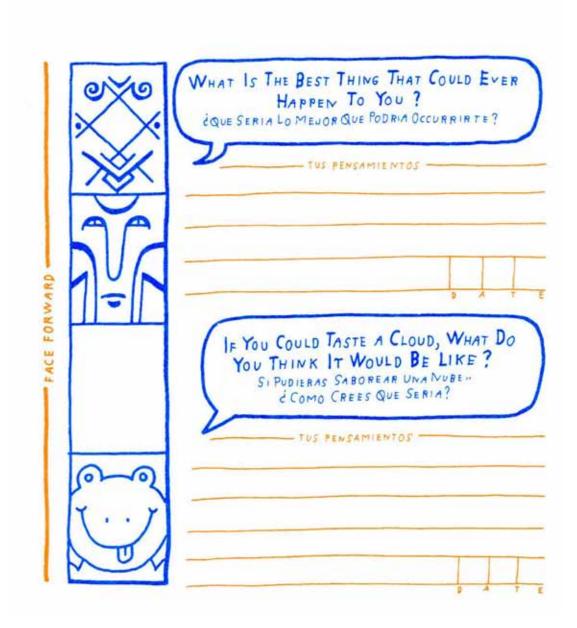


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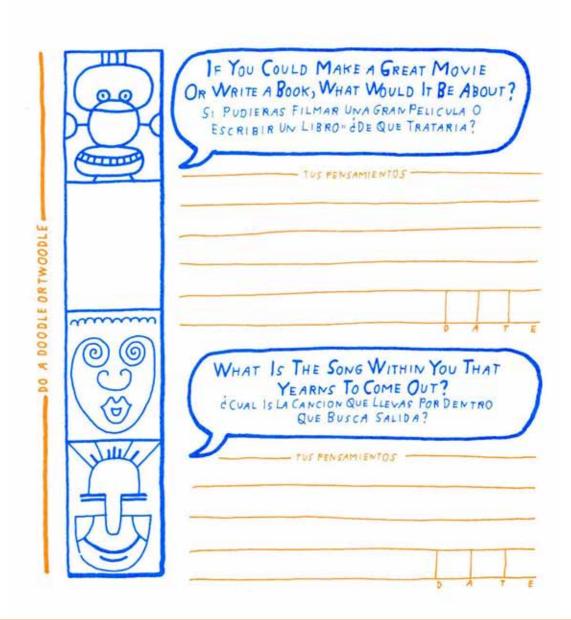


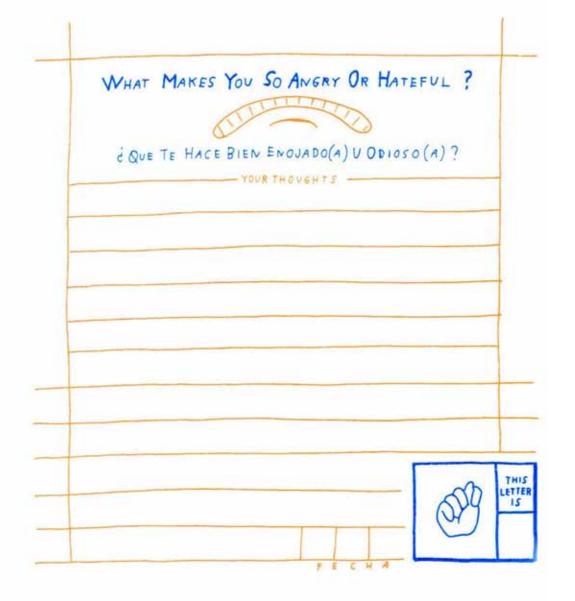
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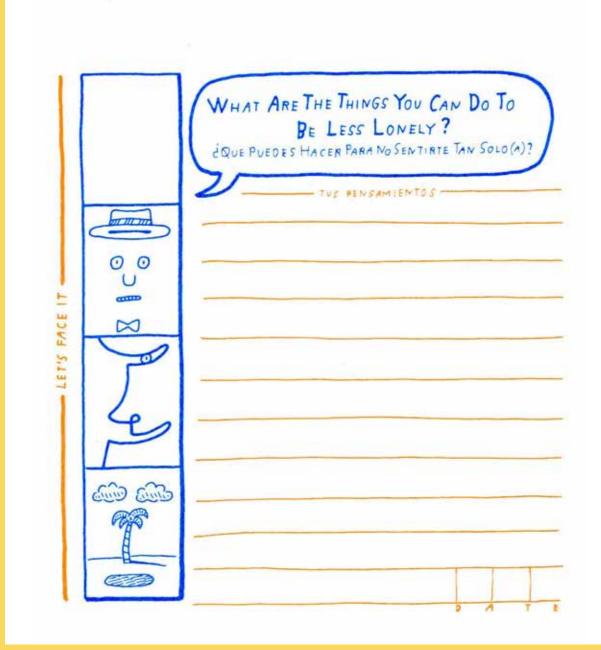




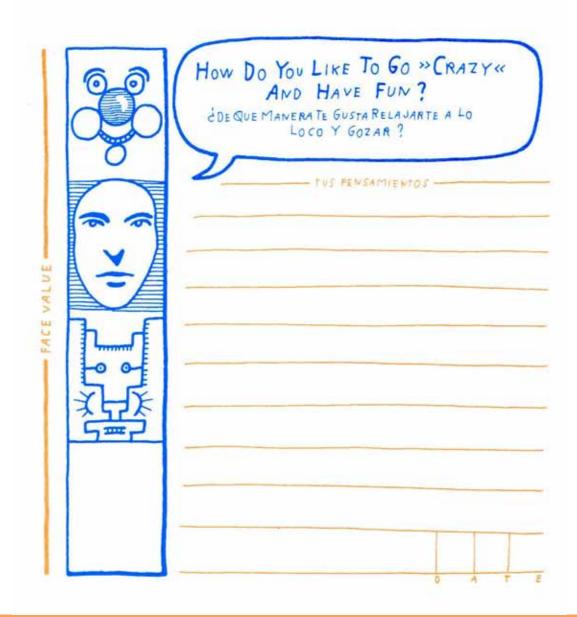
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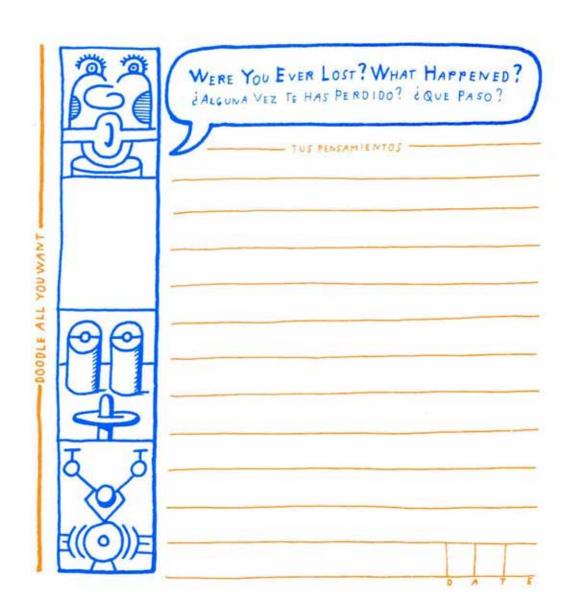
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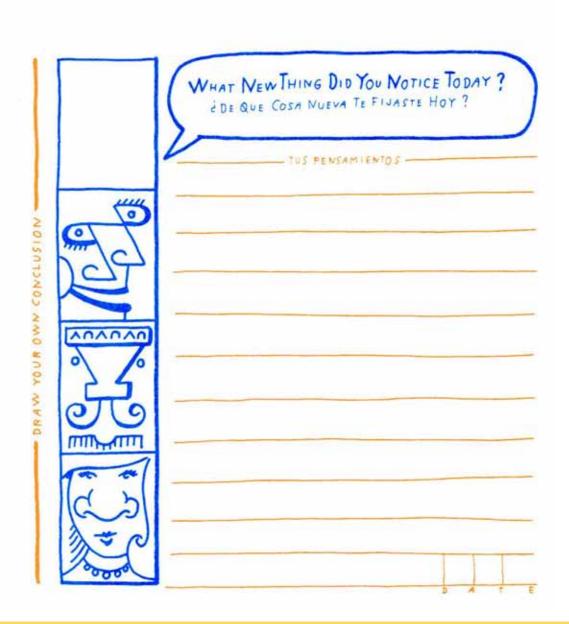
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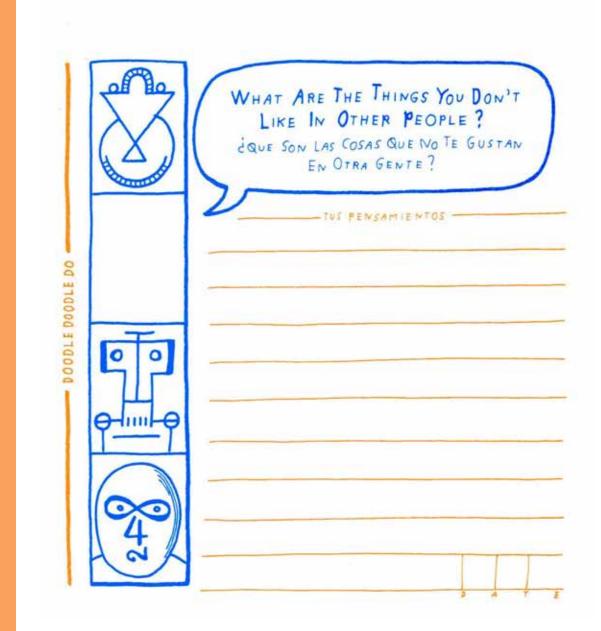
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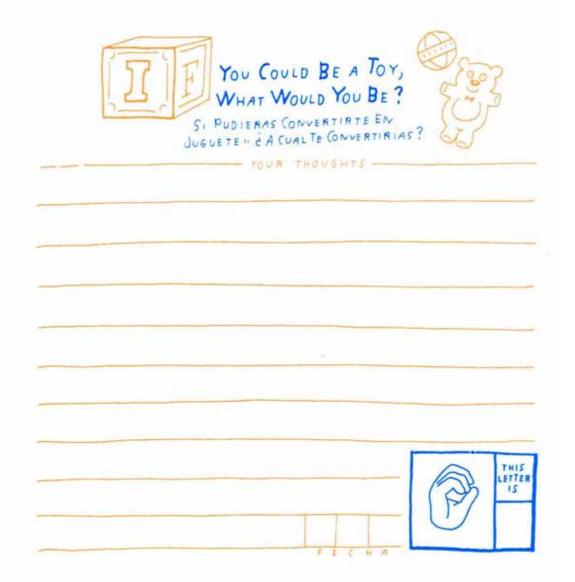
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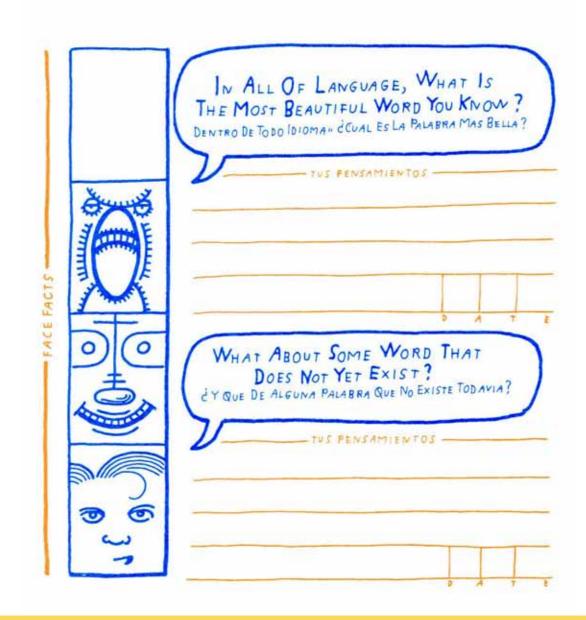
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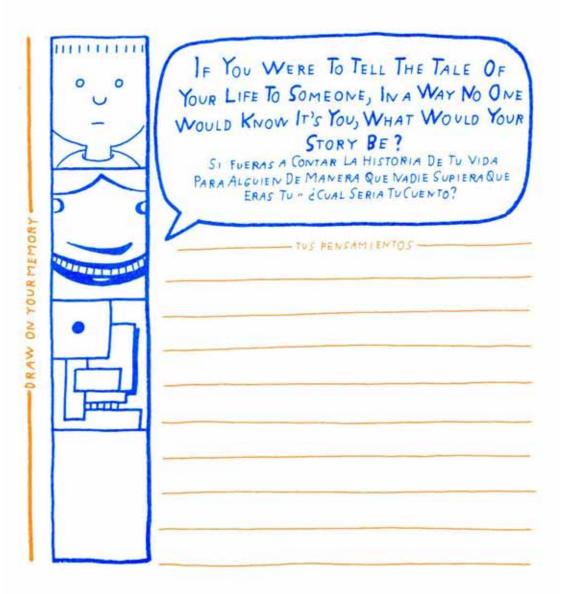








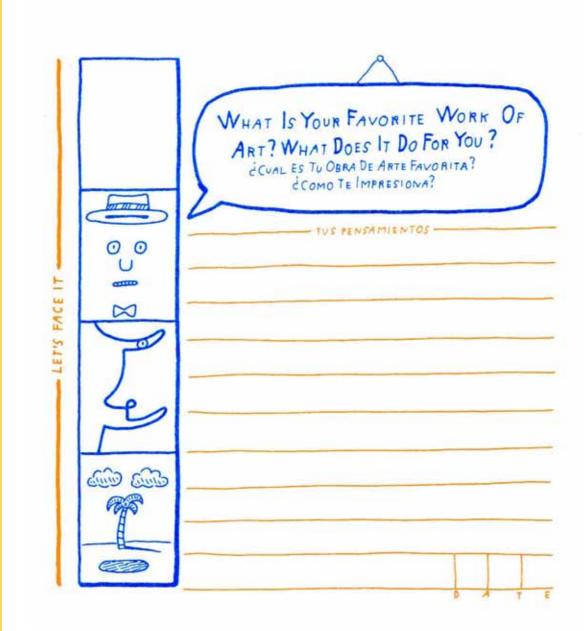




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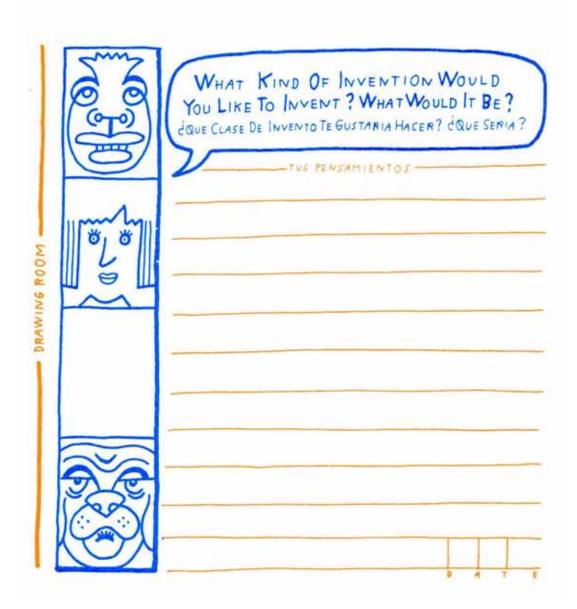




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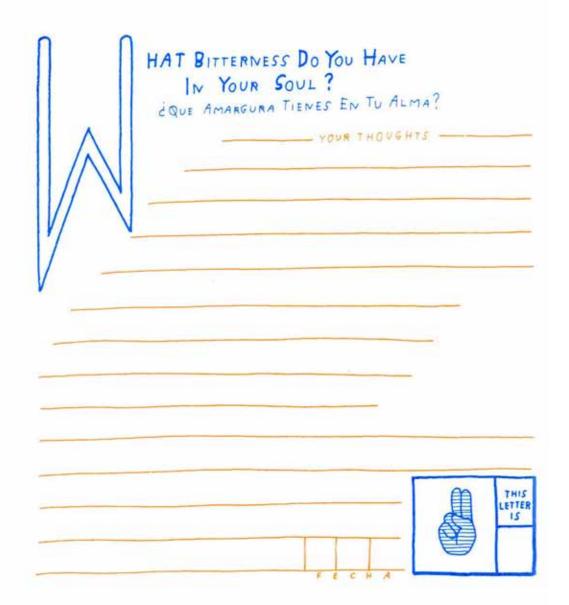


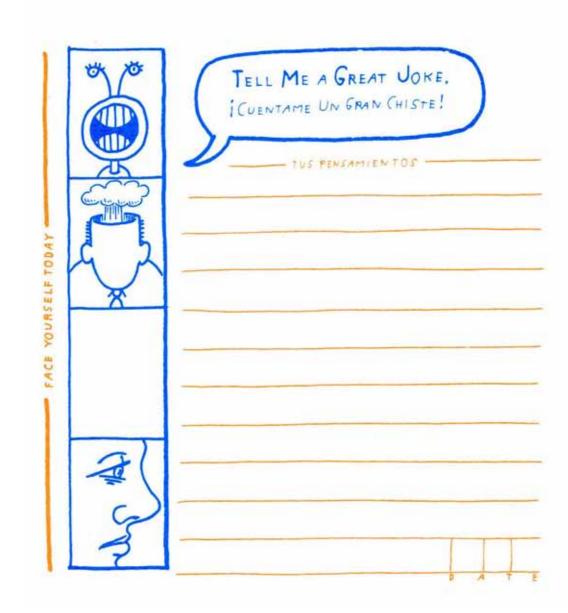
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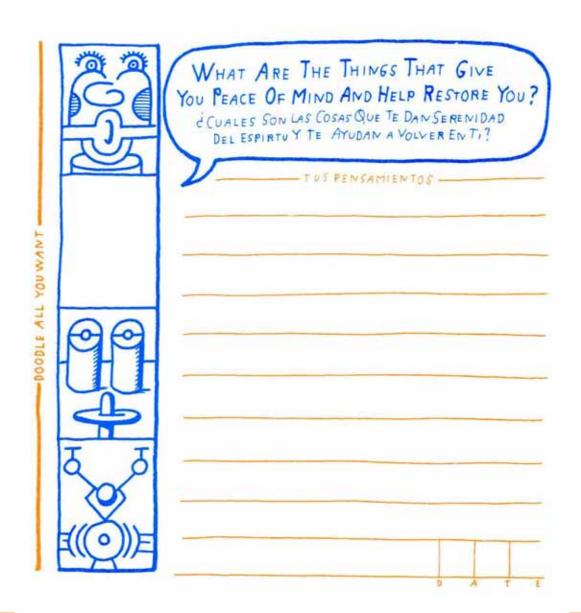
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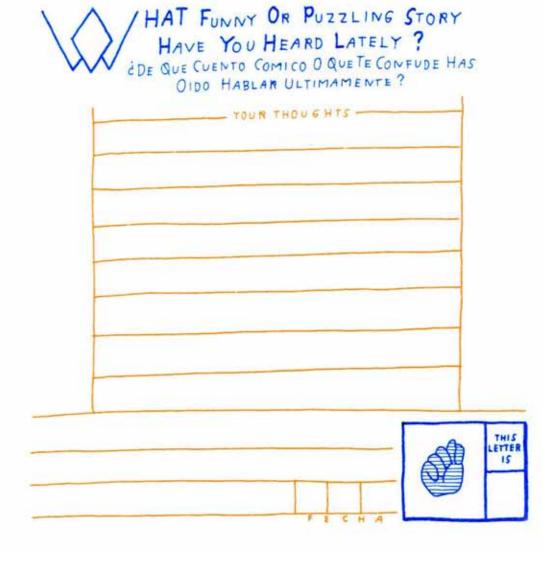
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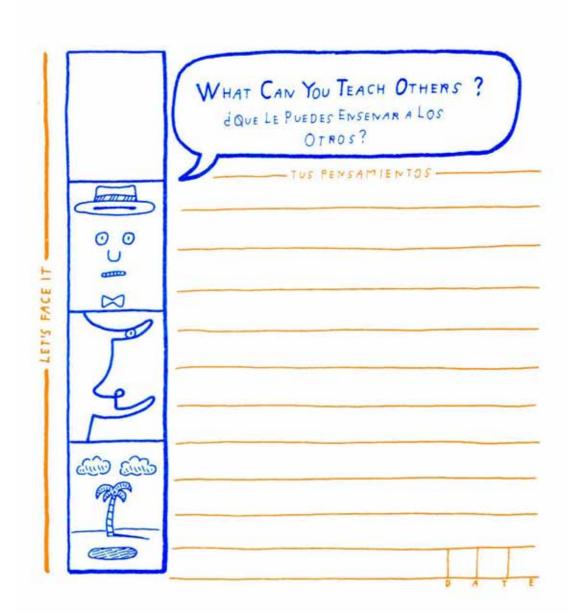




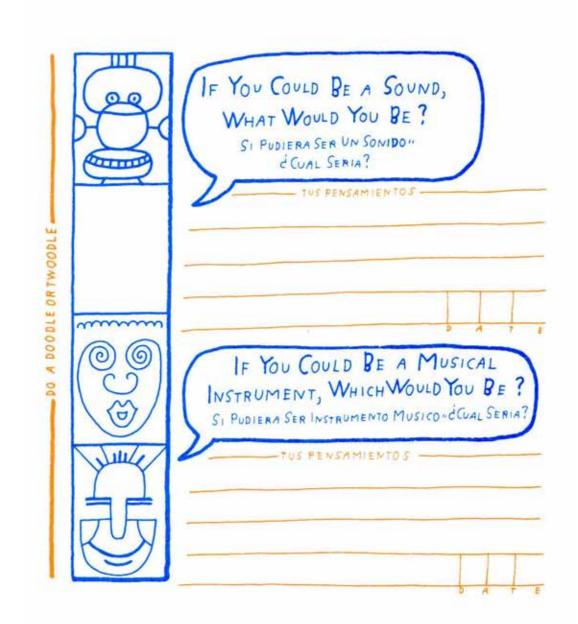


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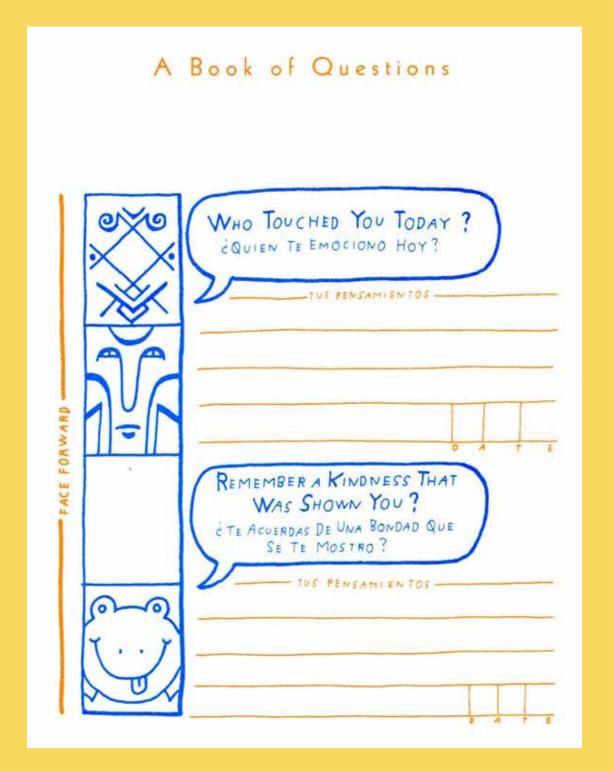


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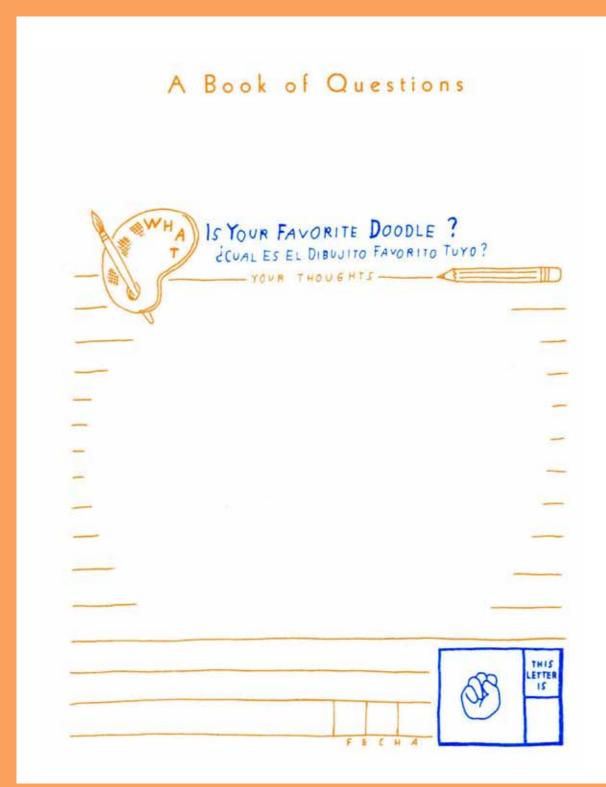
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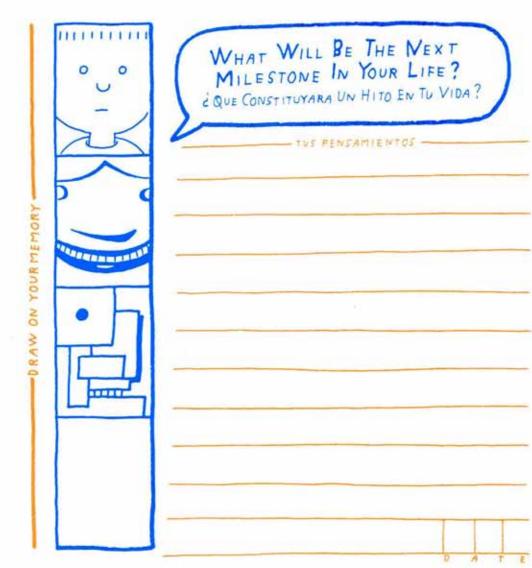
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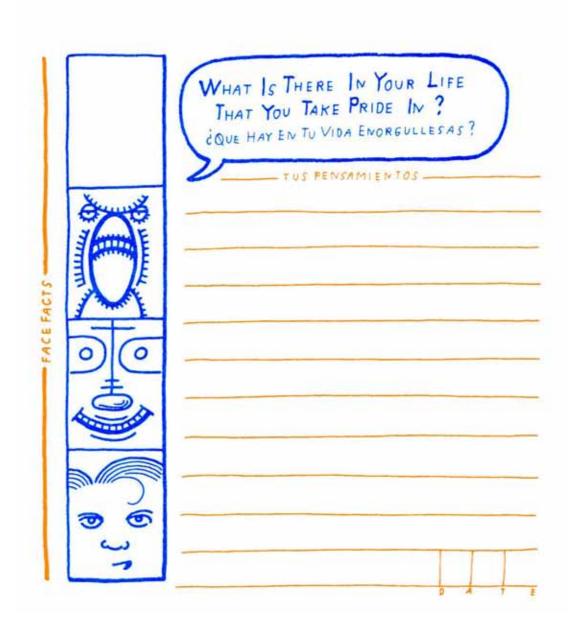
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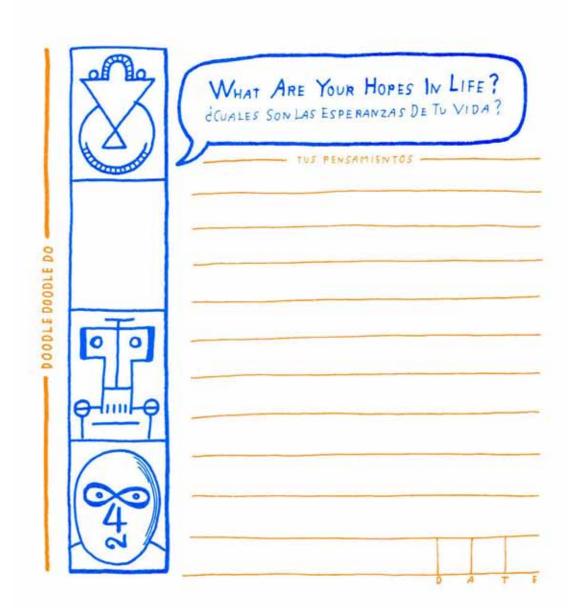




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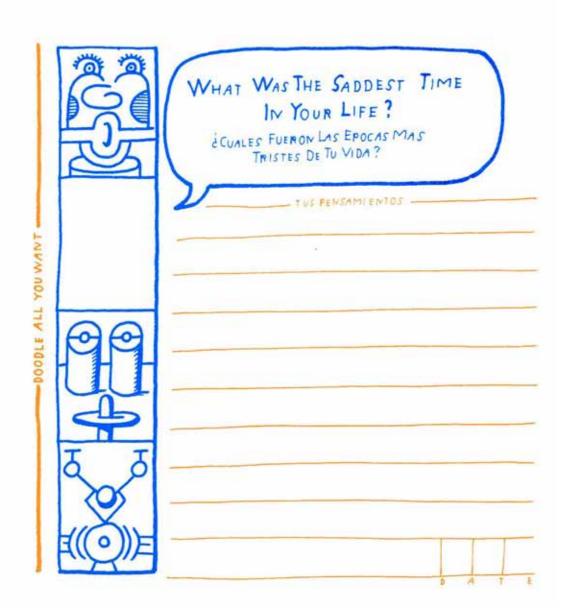


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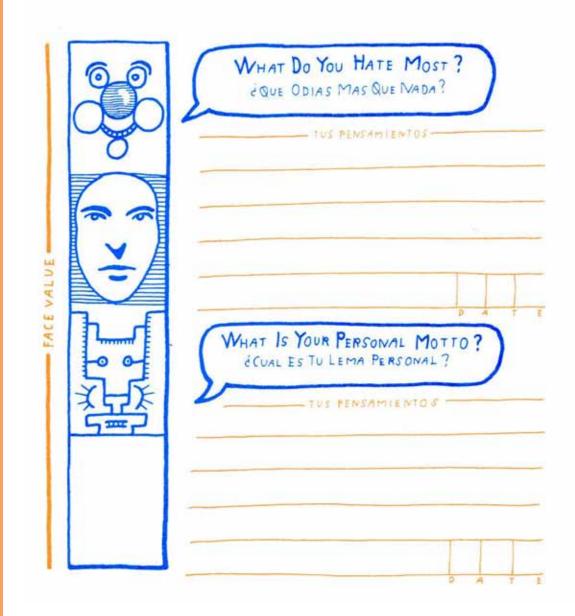
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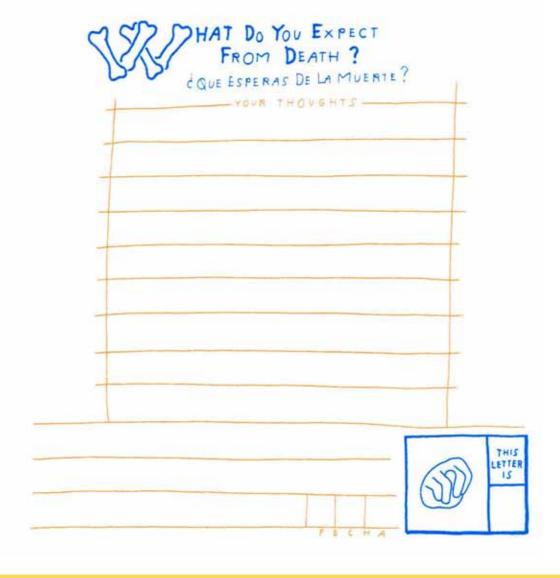


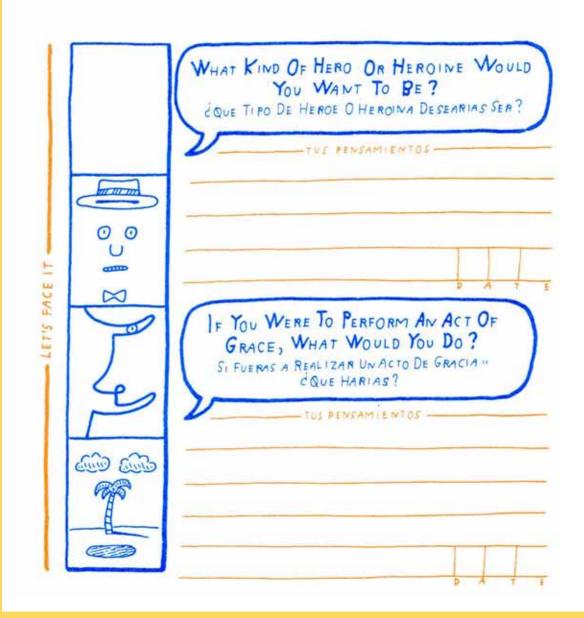
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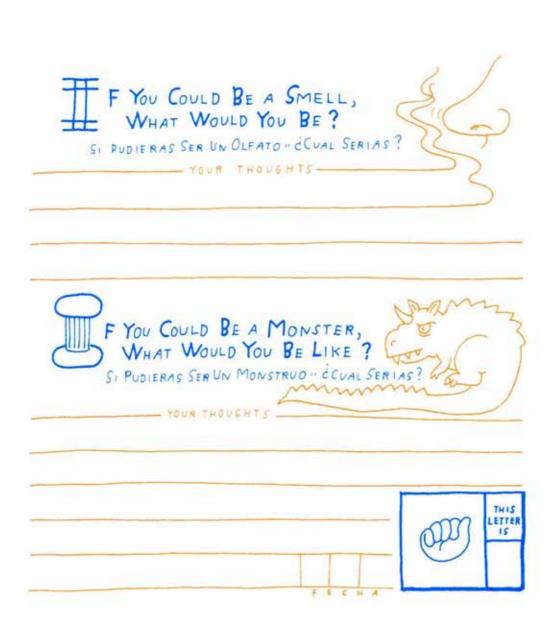


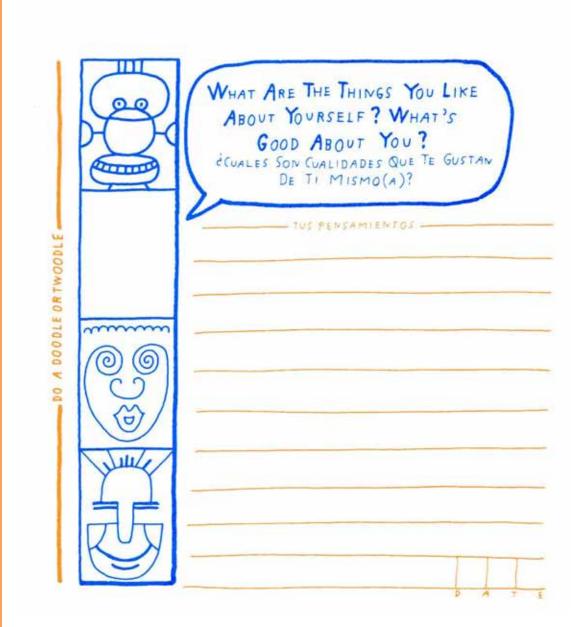












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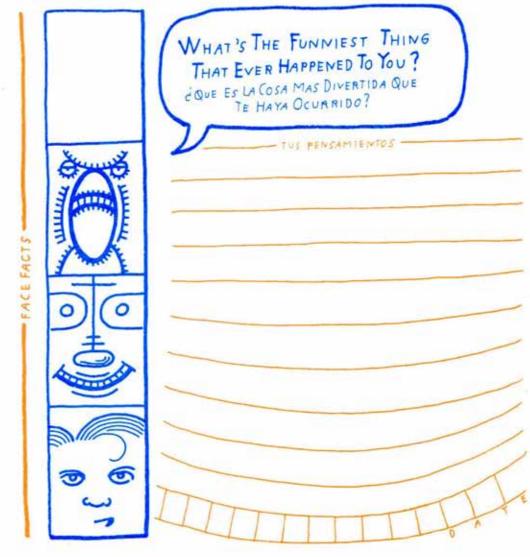
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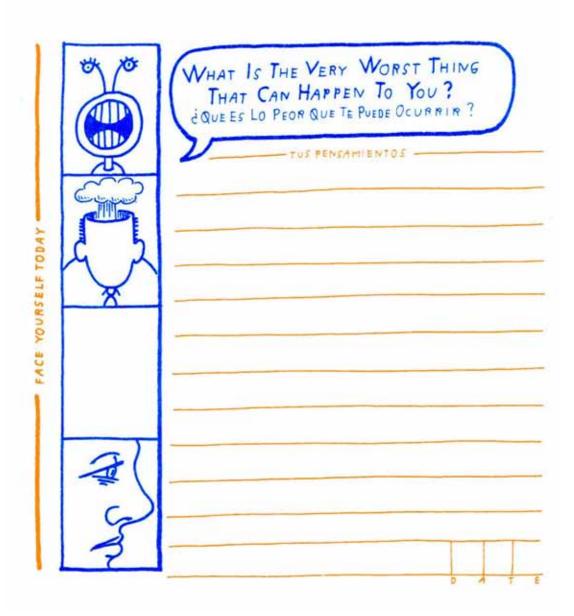
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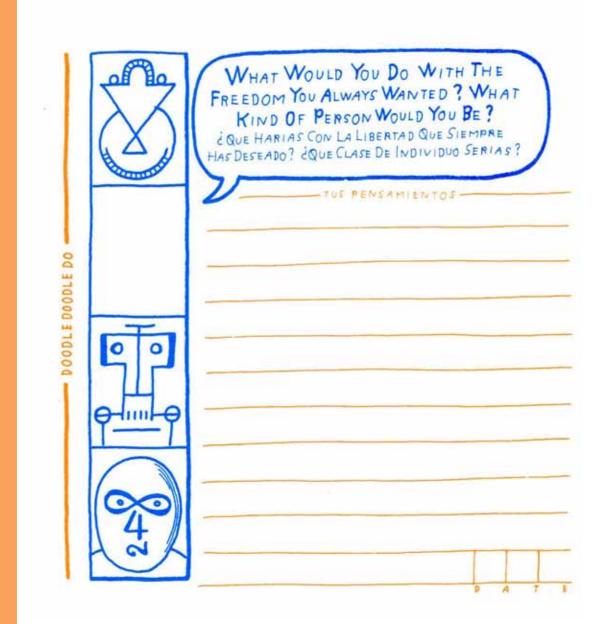
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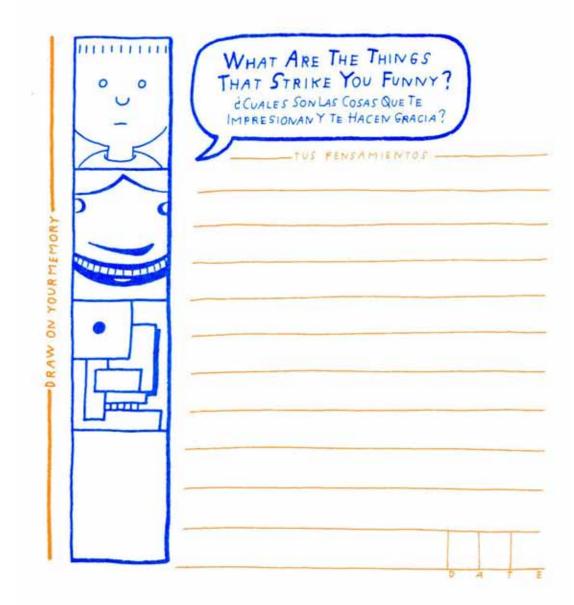


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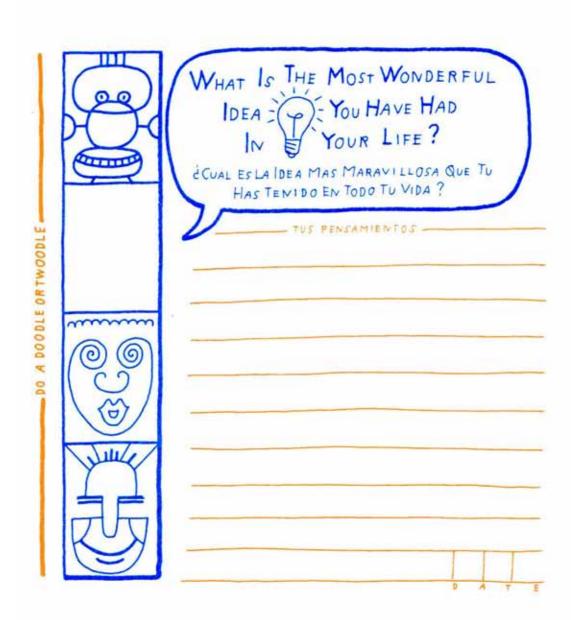
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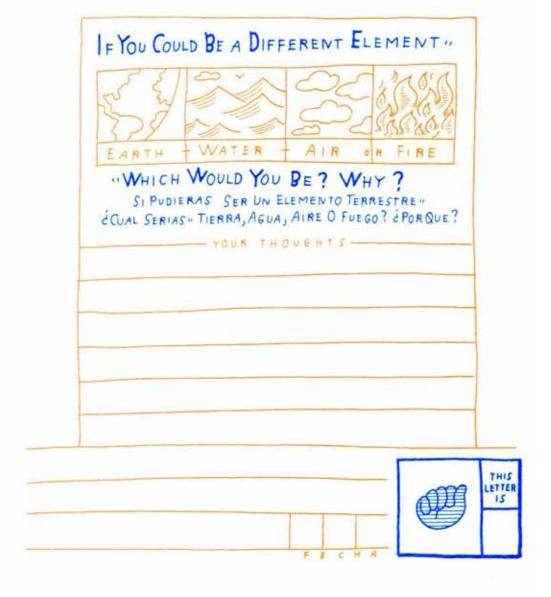


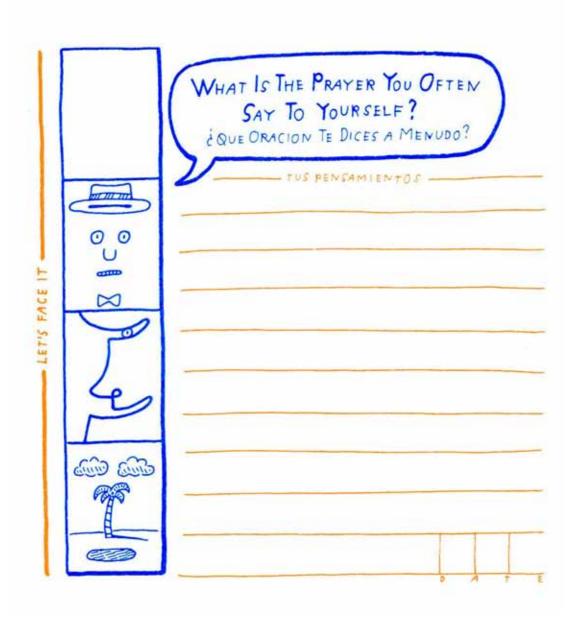
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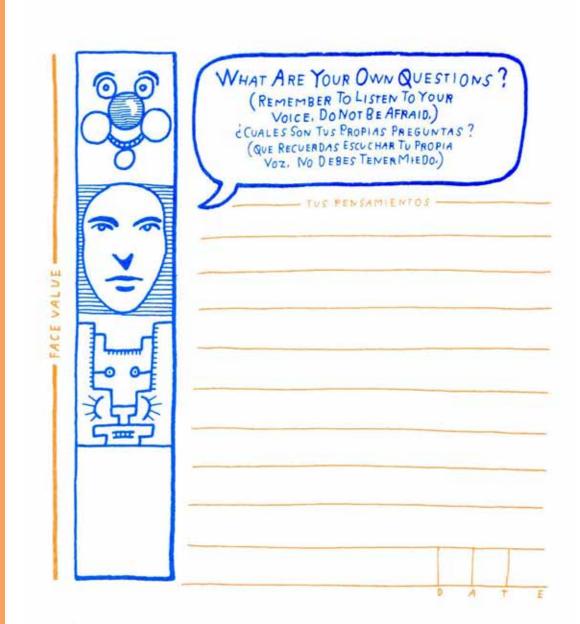
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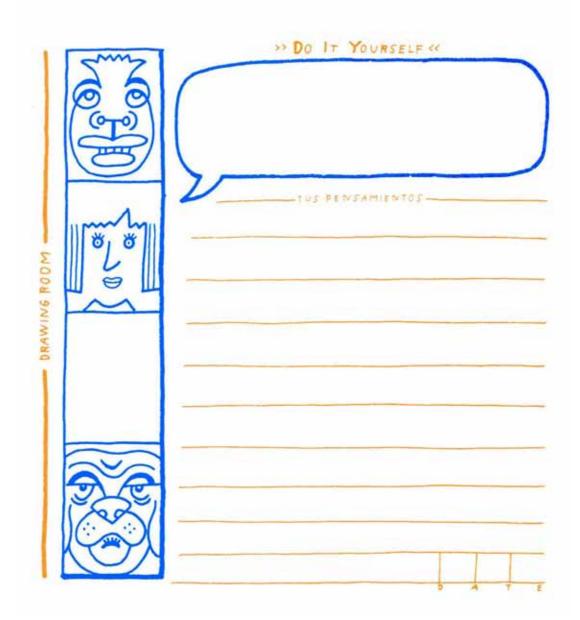


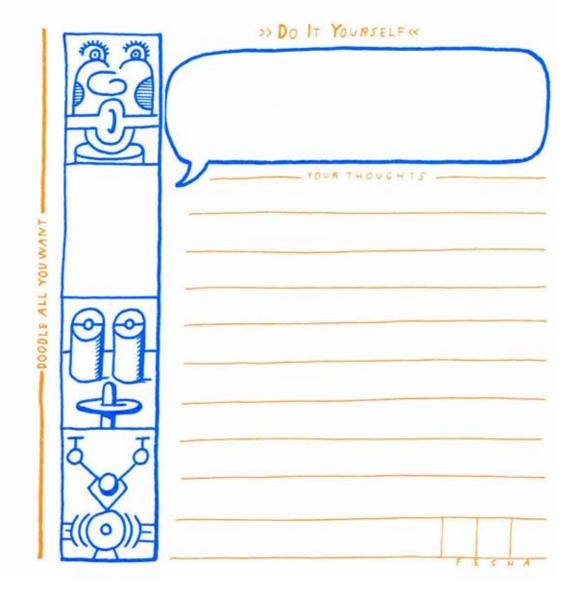


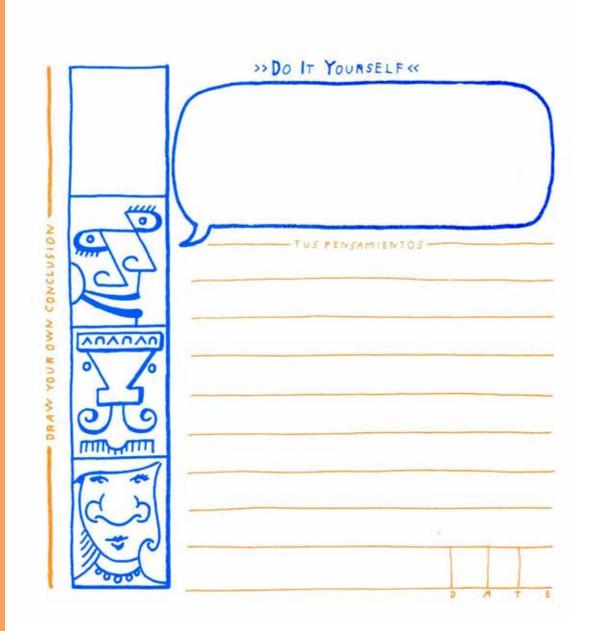




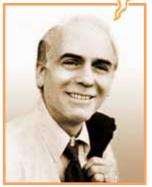












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