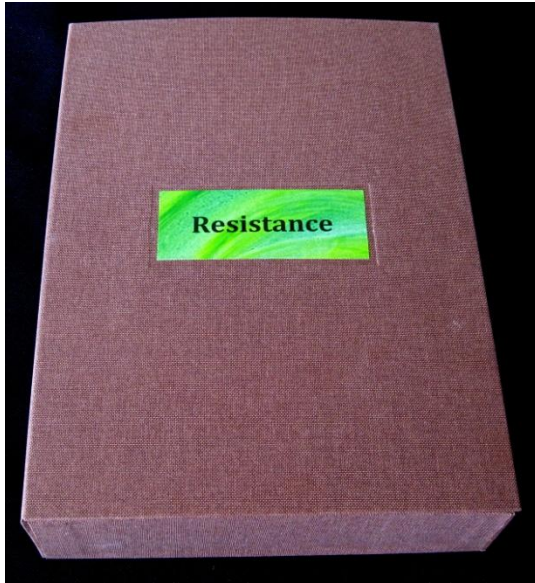


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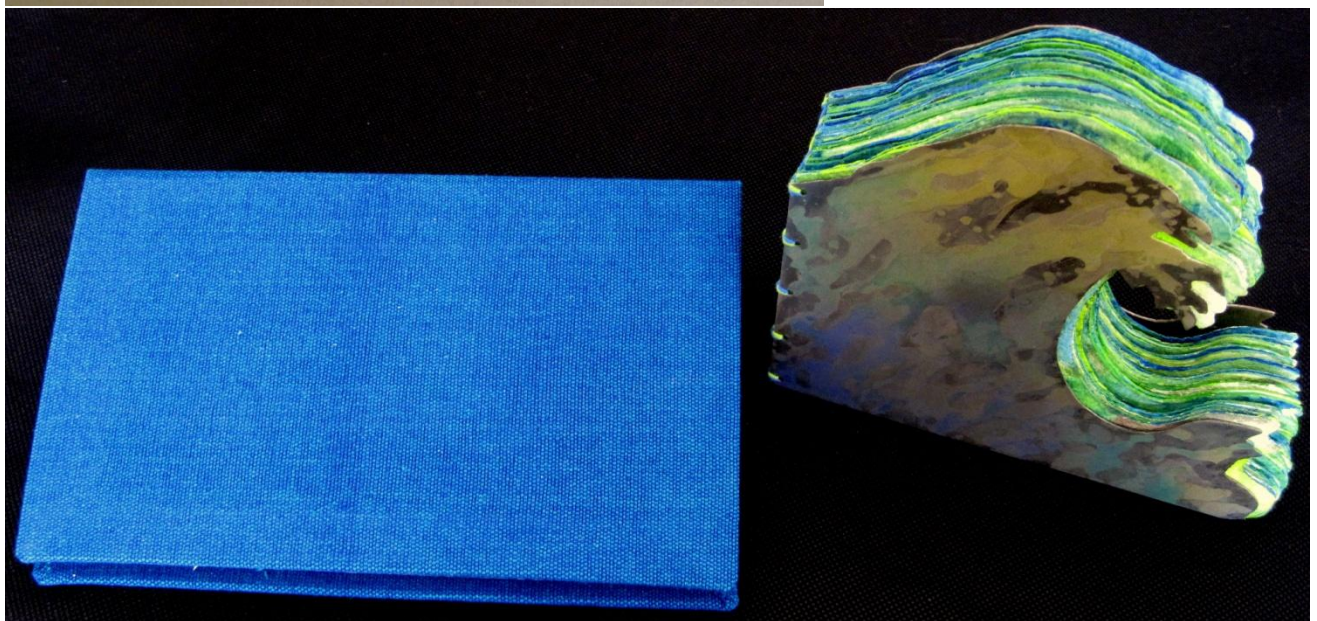
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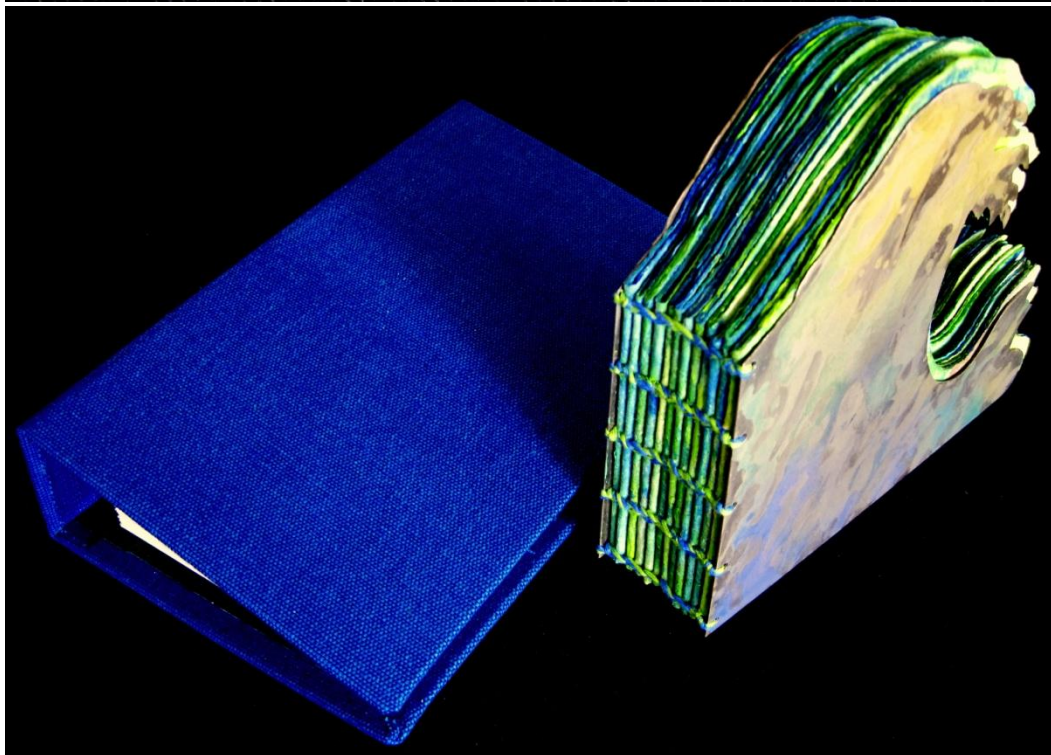
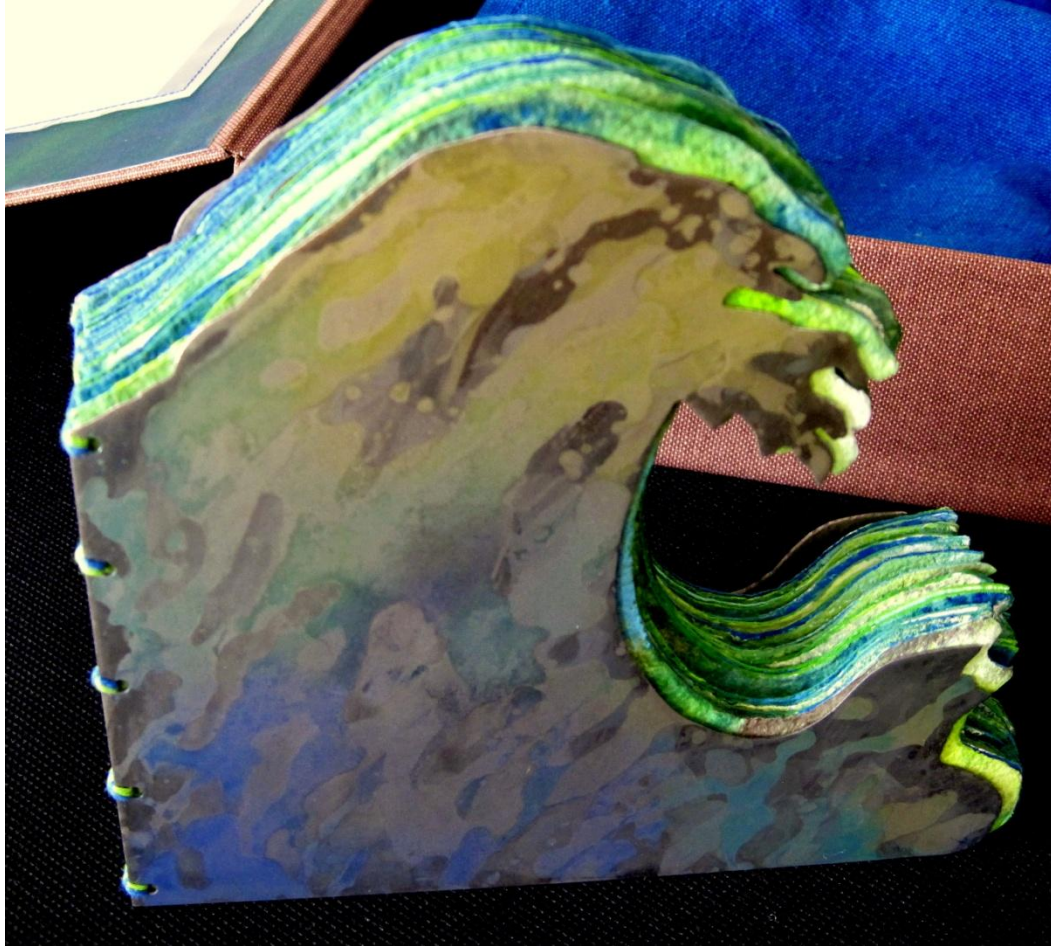
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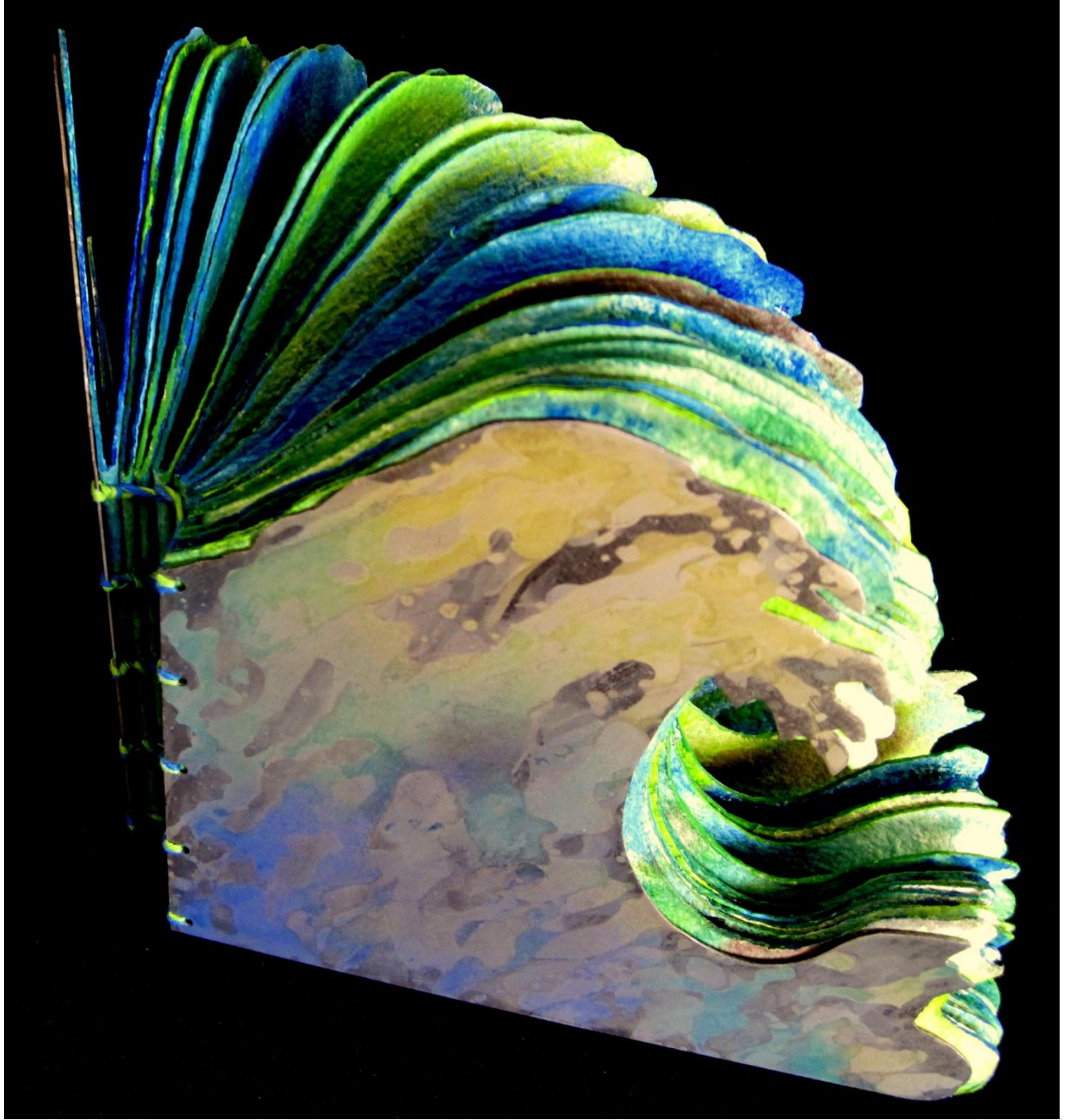
Forty-seven tsunami survivors in the Eastern Province of Sri Lanka were interviewed for this book. Hard as it was for them to talk about events of that day, they told me their stories with kindness and even allowed me to take their photos.

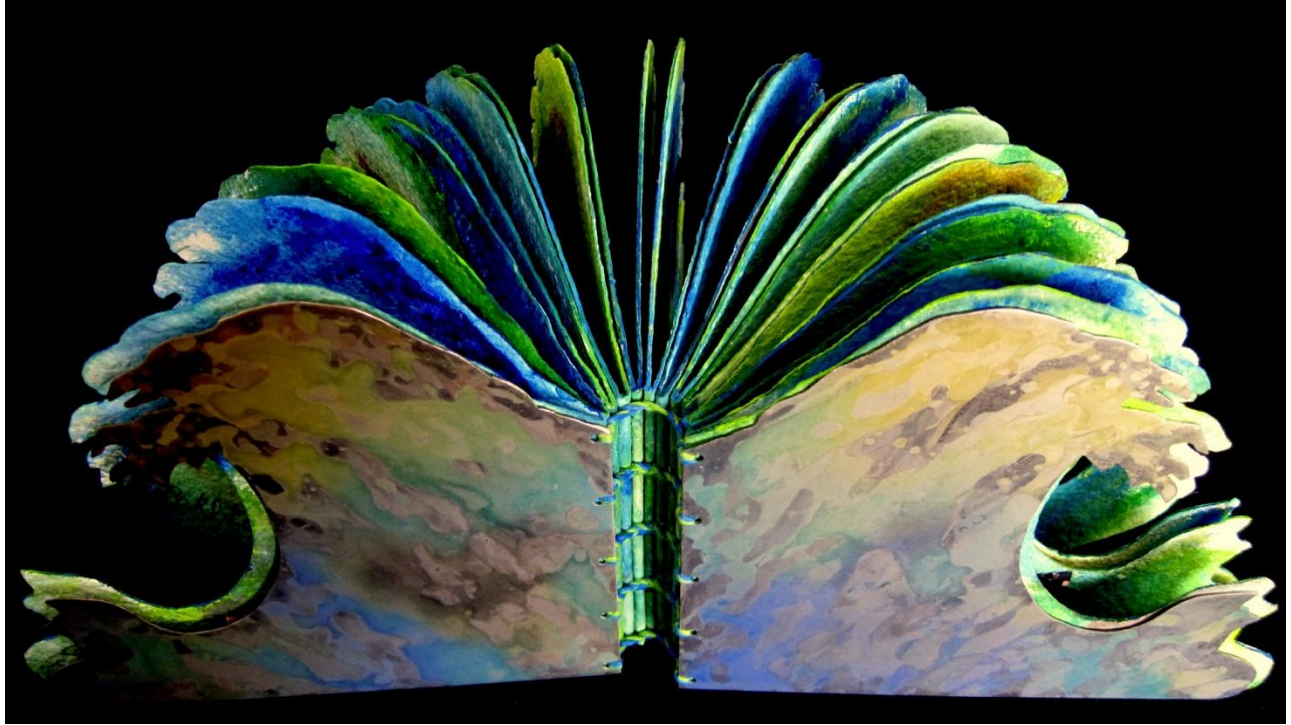
I wanted to celebrate the survivors and their fortitude, 10 years later. How life went on after such an overwhelming tragedy.

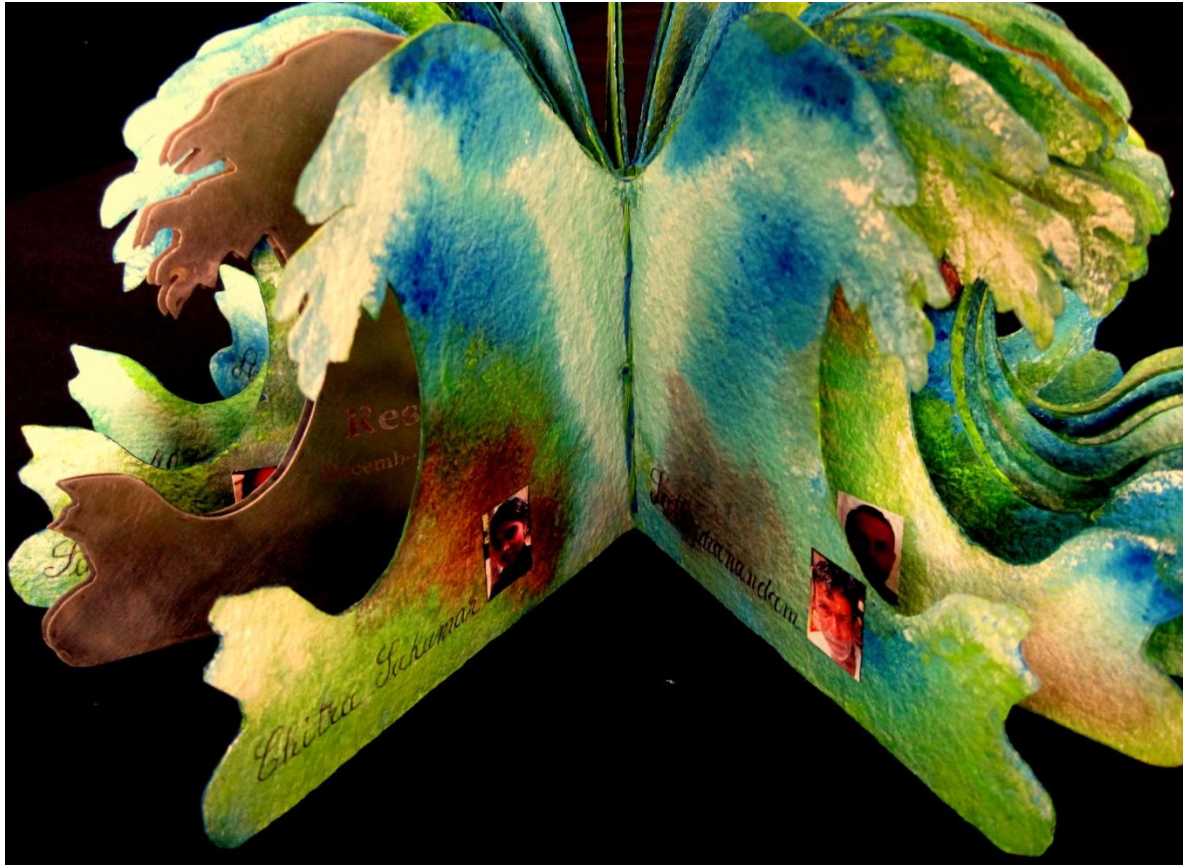
The paper for *Resistance* was made by a co-op of tsunami widows and painted with watercolors and acrylics. The covers were cut from stainless steel and the book sewn with Coptic stitch. The peacock blue cloth for the sack for *Resistance* and covers for the book with the 47 stories of the survivors was hand loomed by tsunami widows in Batticaloa. The shell closing the sack holding *Resistance* was found on Arugam Bay beach, which was hit particularly hard by the tsunami.

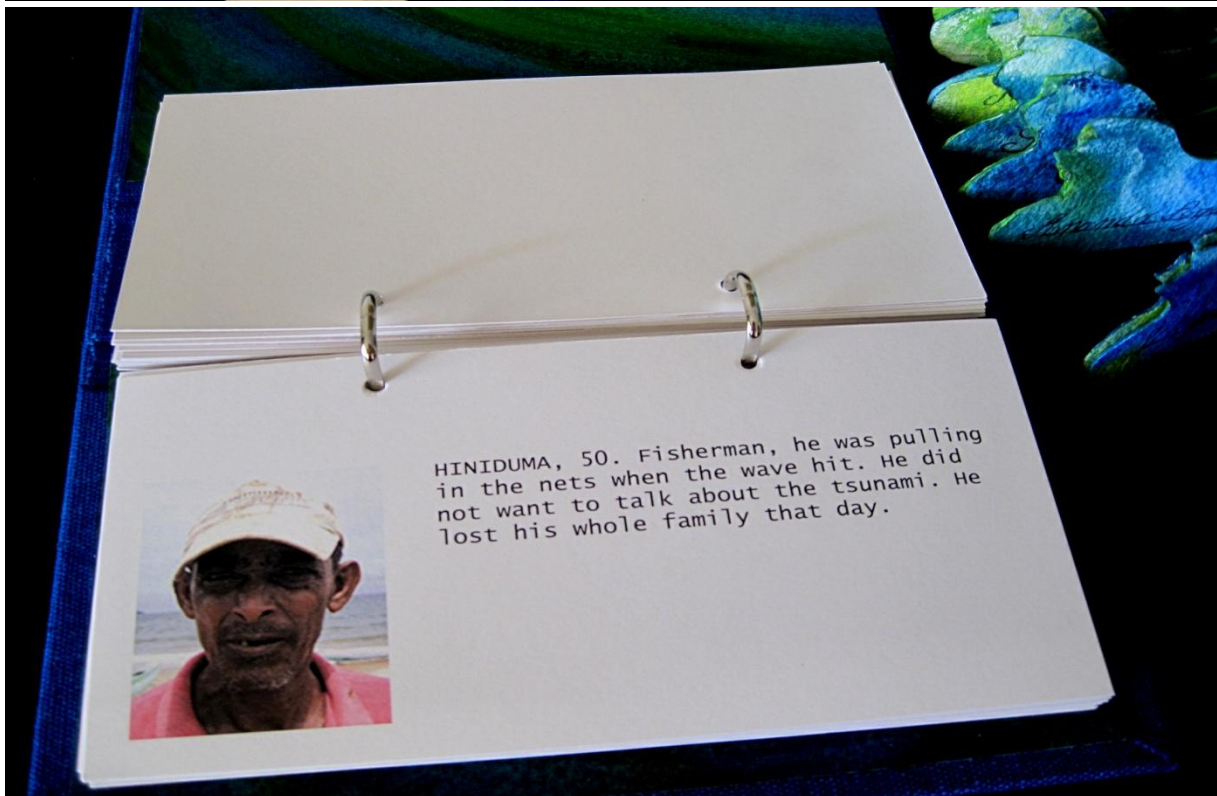
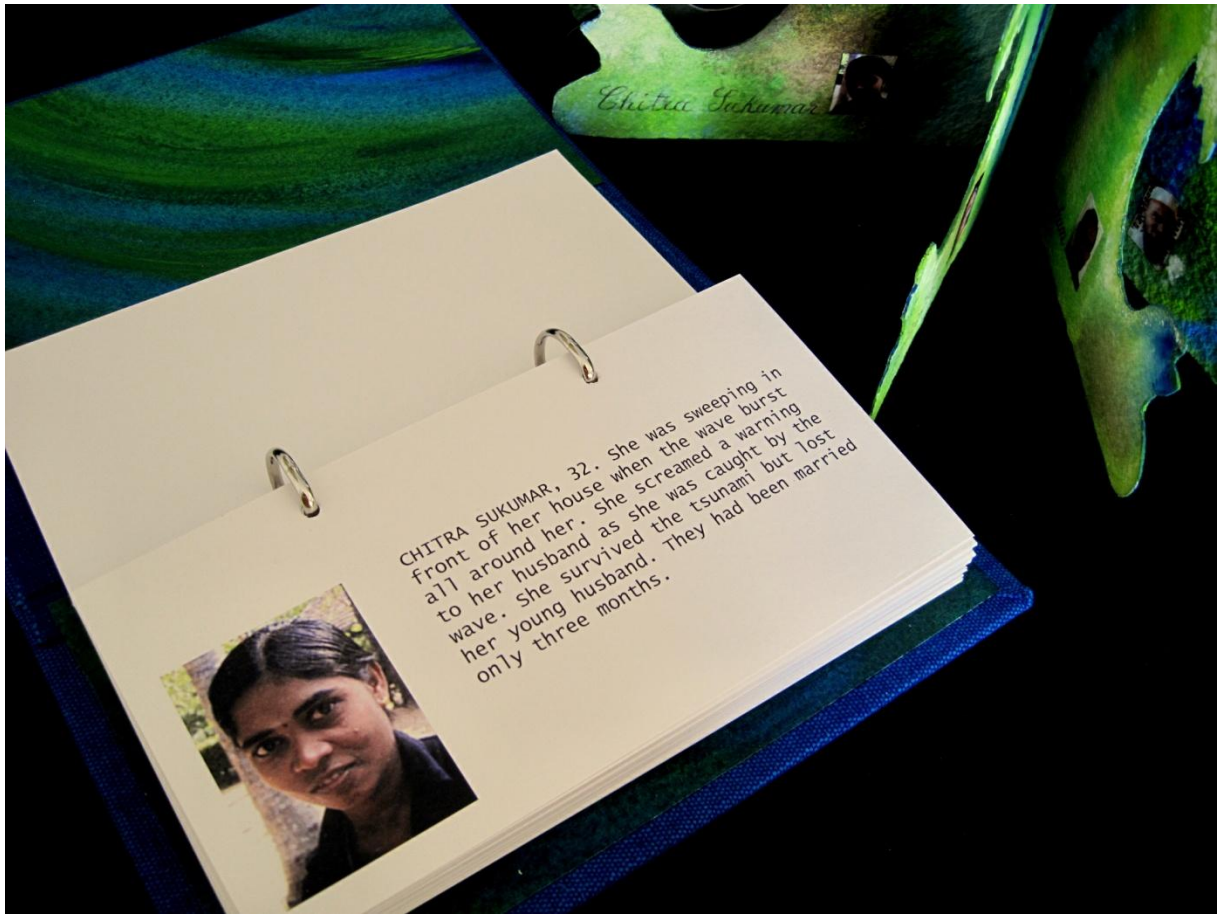














CHARMAINE, 46. Office worker. She stayed home that day as she was not feeling well. When the wave came she was dragged a long distance away and suffered several broken ribs. All the workers in her seaside office died in the tsunami. She lost both her parents.

