

Lisa May releases devotional book

By Jim Cornelius
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Independently publishing a new book in the midst of pandemic and upheaval poses challenges. Sisters author Lisa May launched a Kickstarter campaign to fund the printing of her book last spring — just as the coronavirus pandemic was shutting the country down. She persevered, and found an alternative means of funding the printing — and now has a beautifully crafted book in hand.

“I never thought that this wasn’t going to happen,” May said. “I just always assumed that I was going to follow this through.”

And the arrival of the book could not be more timely.

“Transformed by God’s Nature: Finding Hope In God’s Character In The Midst Of Suffering” is crafted as a daily devotional.

“It’s targeted to people who are suffering... finding God in the midst of suffering,” May said. “We’re all kind of suffering right now, right?”

May has experienced profound loss, and suffering so acute that it made her question her close-held faith.

“I always knew on an intellectual level that life is not perfect just because I’m a Christian,” she said. “But there’s an undercurrent that if I’m doing the right things and making the right choices that life should be smooth and enjoyable and all those adjectives.... You have to study and understand who God is to understand that it’s a lot more complicated than that... It’s actually biblically promised that we will suffer.”

Understanding the purpose behind such suffering brings comfort.

“It offers comfort in God,” May said.

She noted in a narrative describing her work that, “I learned that when life is painful, confusing, and unpredictable, God’s unchanging character can be a relief — if you know Him for who He has revealed Himself to be. But when my understanding of God was inaccurate, then suffering left my faith on shaky ground. It took years of study in the Bible to find a firm foundation of trust in God that was not shaken in the most difficult circumstances.”

Transformed by God’s Nature is a 23-week study on God’s character, based on a close study of Scripture, with each week focusing on a particular attribute.

“Each attribute has an illustration,” May explained.

From 2012 to 2014, May had been actively involved in producing artwork in a

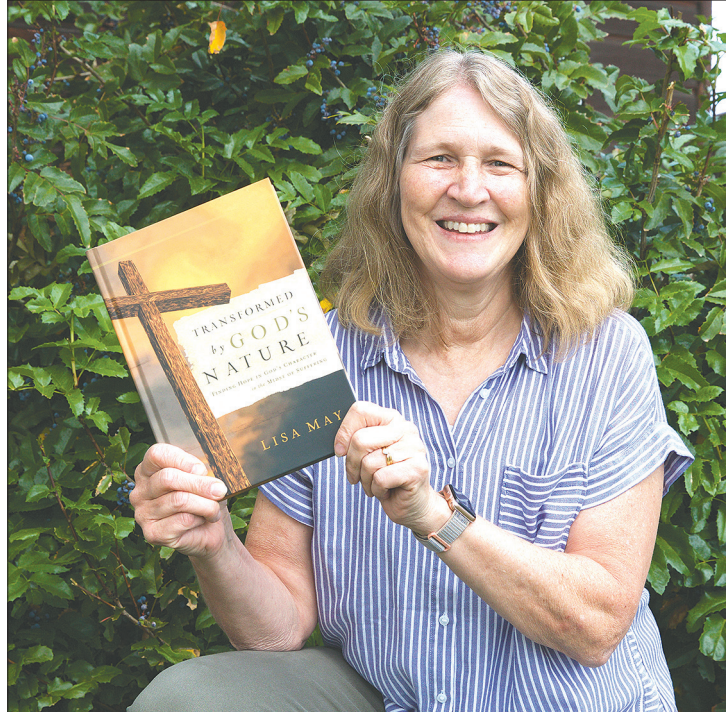


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Lisa May’s heavily-illustrated devotional book “Transformed by God’s Nature: Finding Hope In God’s Character In The Midst Of Suffering” is now available in Sisters.

technique she calls “paper layering.” It’s a time-consuming process, and by the time she started on the book, she wasn’t actively working in the medium. But she discovered a means of producing the same type of effect digitally in a much more time-expedient manner, and thus began to illustrate her writing with her original work.

Full-color illustrations from cover to cover

significantly contribute to the impact of the book.

“That’s the thing that people are wowed by,” May said. “That’s what makes it a little bit different.”

Transformed by God’s Nature: Finding Hope In God’s Character In The Midst Of Suffering is available at Paulina Springs Books in Sisters; at Amazon.com; and through logbridgebooks.com.

Lisa May is an employee of *The Nugget Newspaper*.

Sisters Country birds

By Douglas Beall
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As one walks around meadows and open backyards, you are likely to hear a blurry sound “pee-wee, pee-wee,” often followed by a “pip, pip”. This is the call of a Western Wood Pee-wee (*contopus sordidulus*).

This gray nondescript flycatcher will perch on the end of a branch and quickly dart out and catch insects in the air and a small clap-clap sound is made when capturing the bugs or when protecting the nest area.

In late spring a nest is built by the female in the fork of an aspen, pine, alder or cottonwood. Spider webs are used to bind and camouflage the nest using fine grasses, bark strips, lichens, mosses and feathers. Two to four creamy white eggs are laid, which hatch in approximately two weeks, and the chicks leave the nest in 14 to 18 days. They are then fed by the parents for two to three

weeks before venturing out on their own. They are still calling in the morning and evening in late summer.

A group of Pee-wees are referred to as a “squirt” or a “dribble” of Pee-wees.

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