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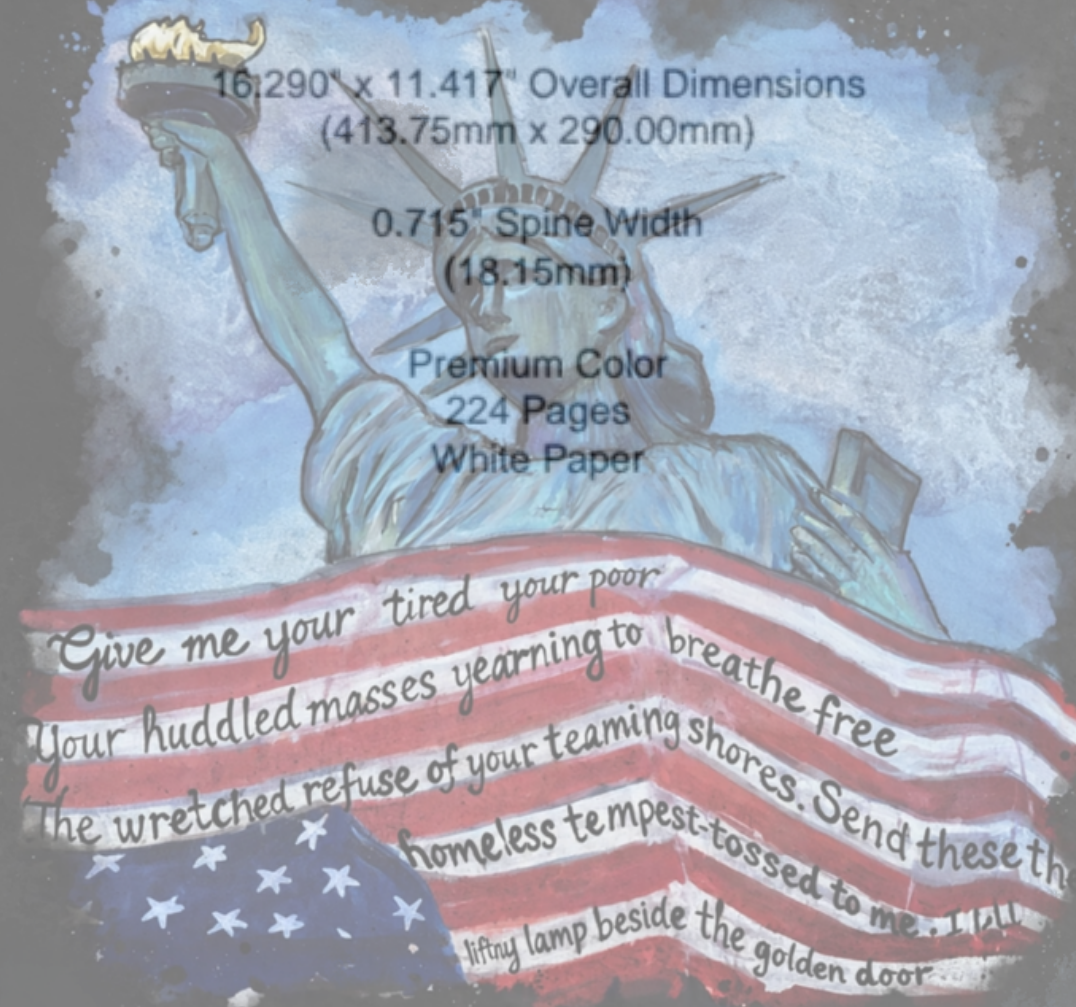
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16.290" x 11.417" Overall Dimensions  
(413.75mm x 290.00mm)

0.715" Spine Width  
(18.15mm)

Premium Color  
224 Pages  
White Paper



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