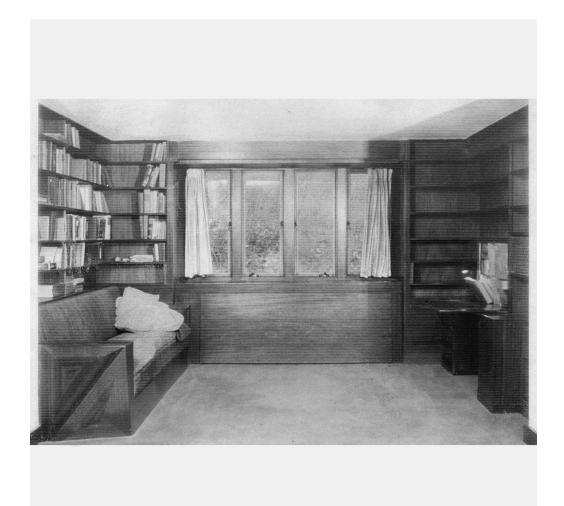
## MODERN DESIGN



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## WHARTON ESHERICK

Library alcove from the Curtis and Nellie Lee Bok House, Gulph Mills, PA

USA, 1935 | walnut, padouk, hand-carved satinwood, upholstery sofa:  $36 \text{ h} \times 85 \text{ w} \times 40 \text{ d}$  in  $(91 \times 216 \times 102 \text{ cm})$  desk/shelving section:  $92 \text{ h} \times 102 \text{ w} \times 33 \text{ d}$  in  $(234 \times 259 \times 84 \text{ cm})$  ceiling beam:  $9\% \text{ h} \times 138 \text{ w} \times 8 \text{ d}$  in  $(25 \times 351 \times 20 \text{ cm})$ 

Elements of the alcove can be installed and used independently.

Alcove is comprised of shelving, a built-in sofa, drop-front desk, four built-in drawers, ceiling beam, and wall panel. Drop-front desk features low-relief carved decoration of birds and four drawers and four doors concealing a variety of divided storage.

**Provenance:** The Artist | Curtis and Nellie Lee Bok House, Gulph Mills, PA | Private Collection

**Literature:** Wharton Esherick: The Journey of a Creative Mind, Bascom, pg. 147 illustrates the alcove with its original curved sofa, ppg. 142-159 discuss and illustrate the Bok House commission

Estimate: \$20,000-30,000

Result: \$22,680

