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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 h × 85 w × 40 d in (91 × 216 × 102 cm)

desk/shelving section: 92 h × 102 w × 33 d in (234 × 259 × 84 cm)

ceiling beam: 9¾ h × 138 w × 8 d in (25 × 351 × 20 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

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