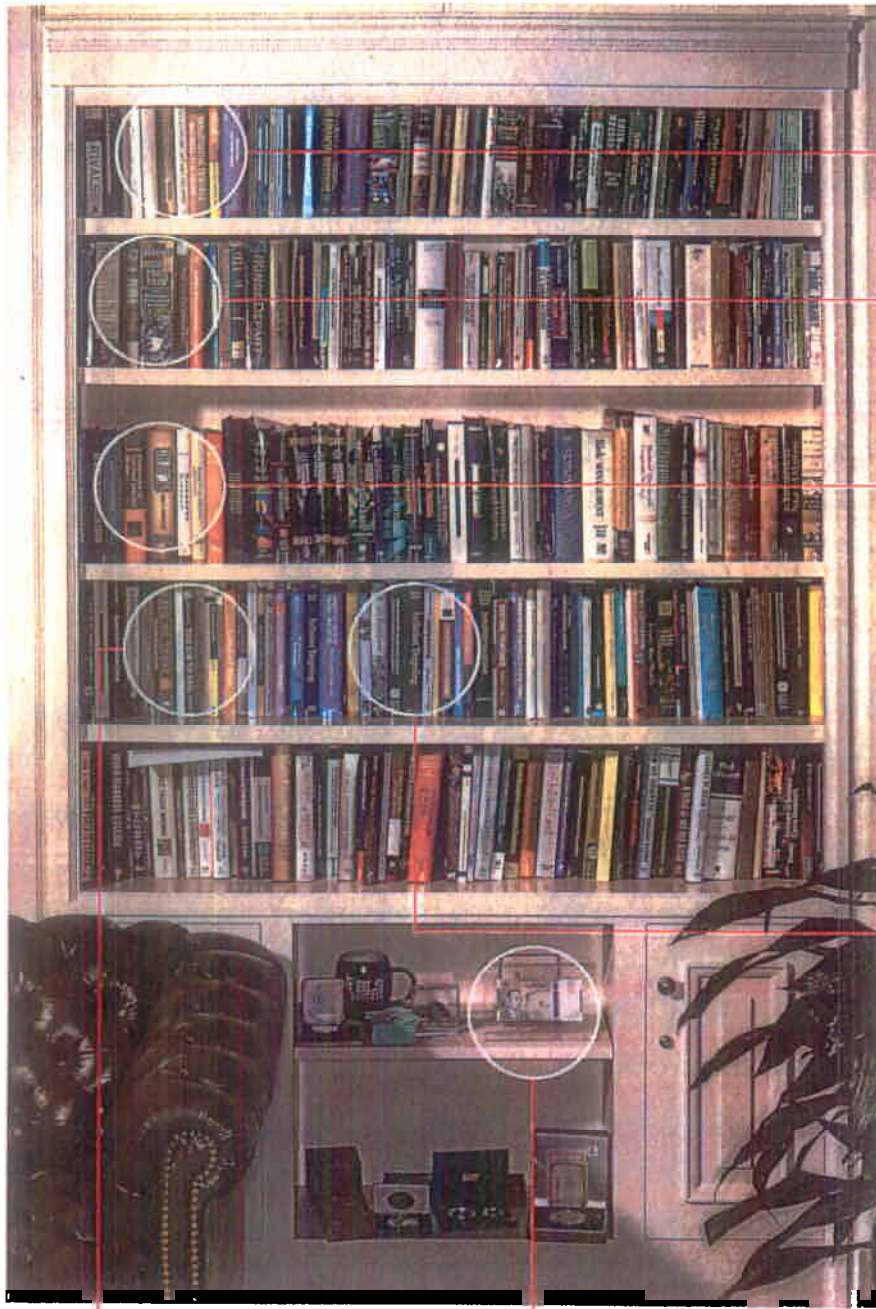


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Definitive text
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In his own words
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