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## Book(stair)case

Originally conceived during final year as the Marble Bookcase, the 6 Degree Bookcase has proven to be a timeless classic over the years, bringing smiles of recognition to older generations and smiles of joy to the younger ones as they (re)discover analog fun.

The crooked shelf has been around for ages (since way before the invention of the spirit level) but scientific research shows that an angle of 6 degrees is optimal to support a

book. At 5 degrees books continue to fall over, at 7 it's like stacking books and they are difficult to take out. The Book(stair) case is the most recent version, aimed at the younger generation. Not only does it have a marble track and the books no longer fall over keeping the shelves tidy (kids happy, parents happy), there is also a staircase to the top bunk. Games like Naughts & Crosses, Nine Man Morris and Solitaire can be played on the steps.

## CV

1996: NPK Design, Leiden, Netherlands. Internship.

1996-2004: Surfing/Snowboarding with some oddjobs. Australia, U.S.A., Canada, Switzerland, France.

2004-2010: Radio Netherlands Worldwide, Hilversum, Netherlands. Facilities/Interior Design.

2010-present: von Essen Design, Bussum. Director/Designer, furniture & interior.

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## Uni Memories

Mostly analog back in those days with markers and the like. We had three computers and Iomega discs with 100mb of storage were a pretty major event! Some guy even did a thesis on the possibility of the internet as a design tool... and then there was beer.

## Advice

The difference between a good design and a design classic lies in the details.



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