Finding a Book on the Shelf Using the Call Number

Books are shelved left to right, following the alphabet and numbers. To get this book from CUNY+:

1. Find the call number in the catalog. Call numbers appear like this on the book’s spine:

   PS 3515 .E37 A6 1997

2. Find the book’s section in the shelves. The range for each shelf is posted on a sign tab in the aisle.

3. Look at the second line and go to three thousand five hundred fifteen in the PS section. Numbers range from 1-9999.

4. Then, locate the 3rd line with the same method. First find E, then go up to the number 37 within E. Be Careful: since these numbers are decimals, .E4 will appear, for example, AFTER .E37. Then, use the same method for the 4th line. The last line is the publication date.

The first line represents the subject area. The P’s are *Language and Literature*. Most books have one or two letters. The order of the P’s will be P, followed by PA, PB, PC, etc., up to PZ.

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