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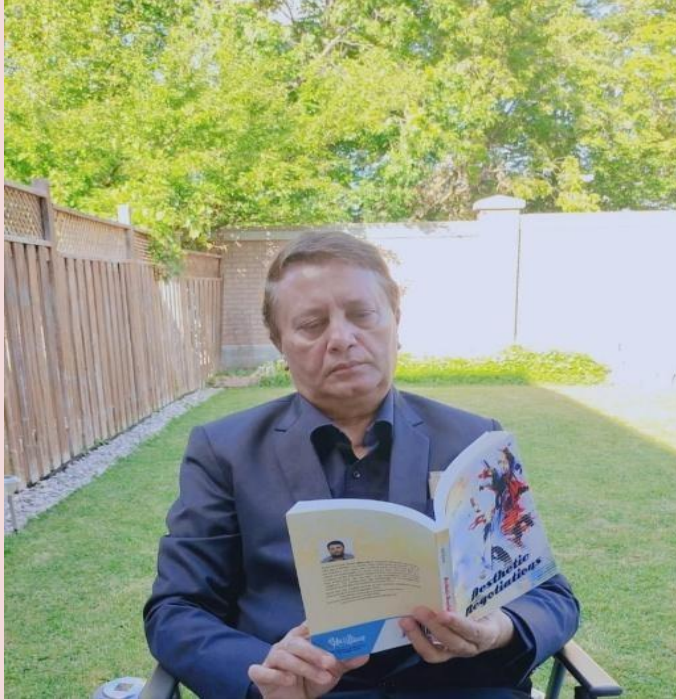
Books-stacks,
left-side of the
bay window.

The spines lit up
by
the golden light. A

cat purrs in the nook,
eyeing the stranger at
the sidewalk.

The lace curtain billows
in the cold air. A cloud in
the room spreads out.

The wind chime sings the
dirge
of the dying dusk playing
with grass
in the
fading pools
of
the lawn.



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