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1. Layered
2. Multimodal
3. Storage is separate from performance
4. Fractured temporally

## Layered Text



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# Chapter 5

## THE FUTURE OF LITERATURE: PRINT NOVELS AND THE MARK OF THE DIGITAL

Hayles Prediction: Digital Lit will be a “significant component of the twenty-first century canon.” (159)

But all literature is digital...

Print is always in conversation with the digital...

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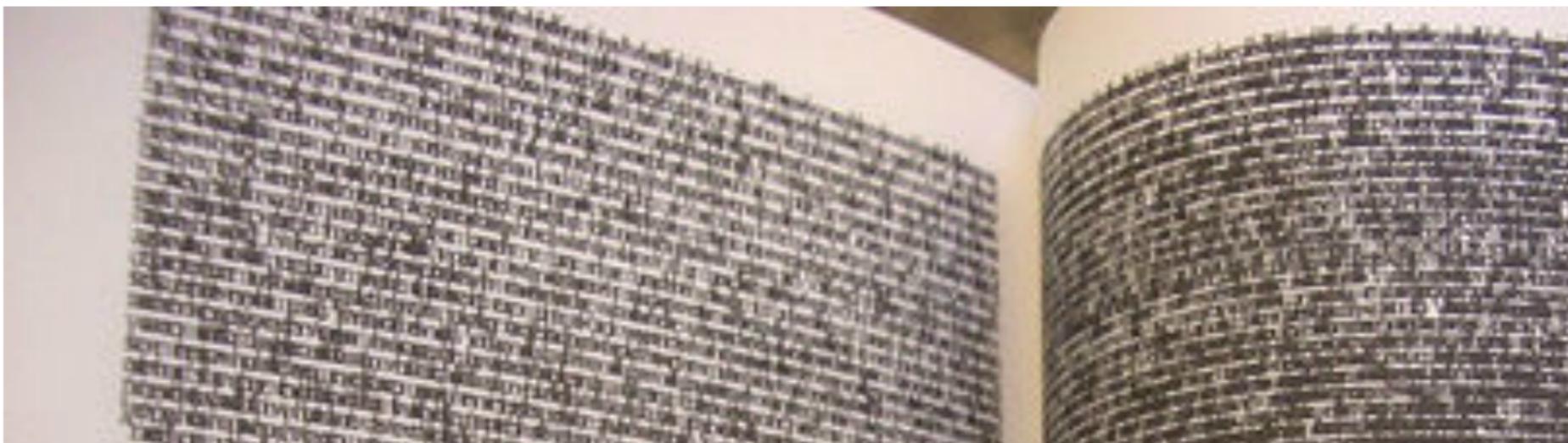
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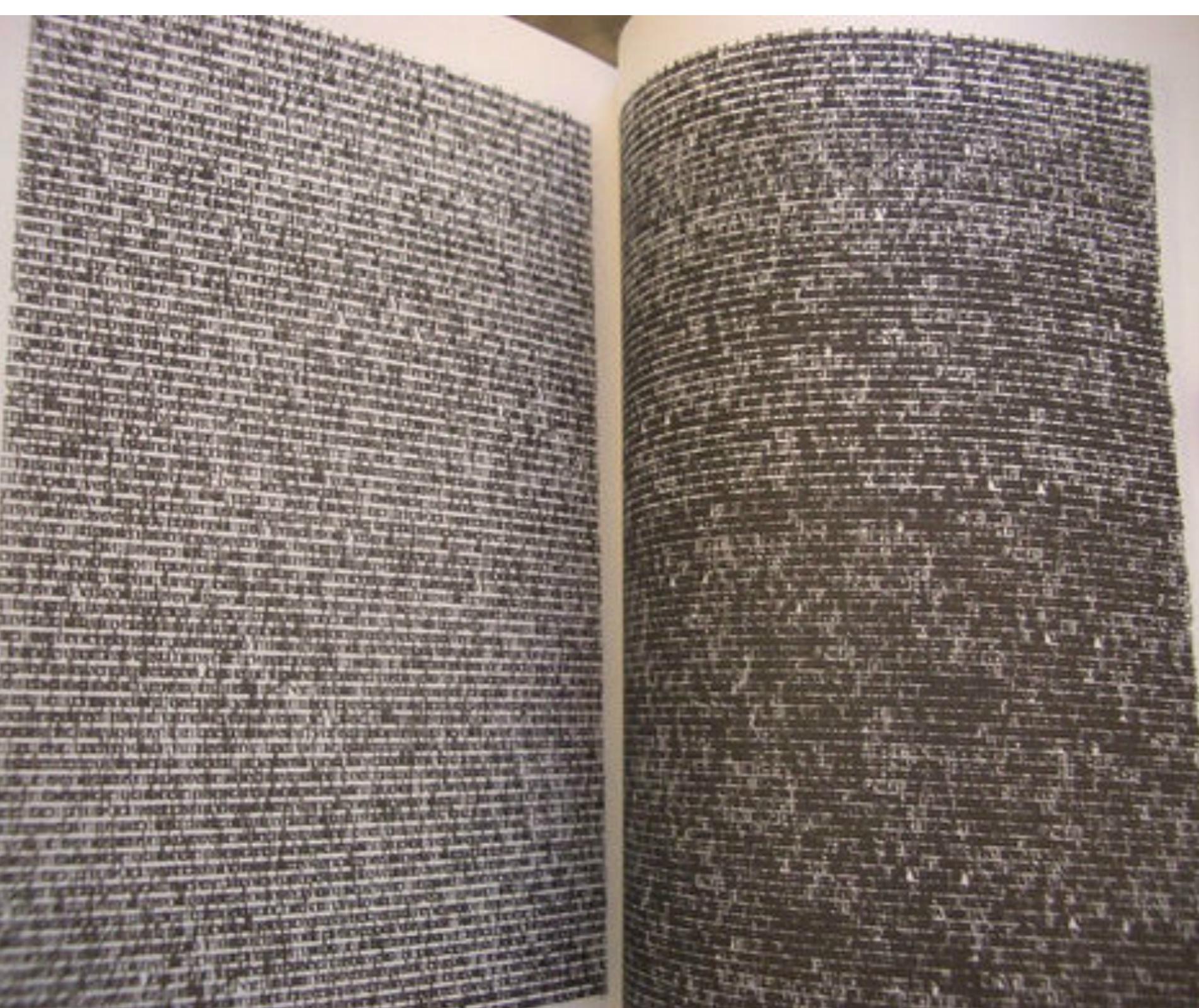
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"Books will not disappear, but neither will they escape the effects of the digital technologies that interpenetrate them" (186)