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Name: Patricia Taff  
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Text of your email: Dear Mr. Read:

I read at least 10 digital books per month. I have been reading digital books for the past year because I can increase the font size so that it is large enough to read without straining my eyes. With my eyesight, being able to read digital books has greatly increased my quality of life.

I spend under \$50 per month on digital books. Given my limited income, this is a considerable part of my budget..

It is my opinion that digital readers have been treated poorly by publishers for years. They have been slow to digitize books. When they finally did make digital copies available, they would "window" them, meaning paper books would be released first and digital books would be released later, without any price reduction. The digital copies of their books are often poorly formatted, with serious errors, and often without color covers.

Digital readers are also subjected to paying the same cost for digital books or sometimes even increased costs despite having far fewer rights. We can't lend the book to a family member or friend. We can't transfer a book from one device to another. We can't resell the book. Our own copyright rights as a reader are totally ignored under the ebook model and having to pay increased prices as a result of an improper conspiracy by the publishers is outrageous.

While I don't think the DOJ settlement does enough to protect readers and their rights, it is a step in the right direction. Therefore, please consider this email as support for the settlement.

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