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Name: Jocelyn Stilwell-Tong
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Text of your email: Dear Mr. Read:

I am a long time consumer of books. I spend between \$50 and \$100 per month on print and digital books and have noted 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. The digital copies are clearly marketed as an afterthought - since I primarily read digital copies now (thanks to a long train commute) I have to put up with an inferior product, for the same price.

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. I know that the difference in cost per book between print and e-copy is not as huge as some would think but *there is a cost savings to the publisher* under the e-model. That fact is never reflected in the price I pay.

While I don't think the DOJ settlement does enough to protect readers and their rights, it is a step in the right direction, one that will keep the book industry healthy in the long term, which is my main interest as a reader. Therefore, please consider this email as support for the settlement.

Best regards,

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