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Dear Sir,

I am one of America's Senior Citizens. As a retired Special Education Teacher and a proud Army Brat, I have worked hard all of my life. The current economy has destroyed my plans for a comfortable retirement and life has become very hard. Physical activities are no longer an option for a crippled, painful body and arthritic hands make holding and turning pages of a book difficult at best and sometimes just impossible. I love reading and it is my only escape from the majority of garbage on tv called 'entertainment'. I was gifted an early e-reader from a thoughtful Friend when she got a new one and WOW! a wonderful world opened up for me!!! Easy to hold, a soft touch turns the page, and my mind eagerly engaged both entertainment and new learning!

Big publishers have but ONE driving force and that is PROFIT. It's a cold hard fact but there should be limits on what they are allowed to do to increase those profits. Big companies banding together has never been a good idea for America and traditionally this has been discouraged or broken up. I do not understand why this is allowed ... it costs money to print a paper book and i do not have a problem with that but an ebook does NOT in any way cost the same! If a publisher wishes to charge the same for an ebook, that's their choice. Pretty stupid if you ask me because ebooks are not going to go away.

It so obviously crosses the line when publishers band together to fix prices!!! Not only is this wrong but it prevents people like me (sad to say there are so many of us) from having good choices for one of the precious few things left for us to enjoy. Some of my favorite authors have admitted their sorrow and concern for my plight (i cannot afford their ebooks) but they are locked into tight contracts and unable to help.

PLEASE look carefully at all of the true facts, wade through all self-serving fabrications, but most of all ... listen! Listen to the little voices as closely as you do the big loud paper publishers.

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