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Dear Mr. Read,

In regards to the proposed e-book.

The DOJ's proposed settlement is not good enough because it will allow Amazon to return to predatory practices. To allow Amazon to continue with its predatory practices is not only unhealthy for the publishing industry and the writers that supply it with a vast array of material, but it is unhealthy for the nation and for democracy. This country has anti-trust laws for a reason. When too much wealth and power become concentrated in a few hands, soon those few hands are the only ones that call the shots. The United States has a long history of trying to prevent concentrations of power.

To allow the publishing industry to become the monopoly of anyone, least of all of those who treat it like a commodity, means the control of information is now subject to the whims of that monopoly. Believing that the Internet now allows society a free forum for the exchange of ideas and that will take the place of older institutions such as bookstores and newspapers ignores the fact that money controls which websites pop up on a search engine's first pages.

Amazon and the colluding publishers are greedy. Amazon is now big enough to take losses on certain items in order to deliberately target the types of books that brick-and mortar stores can use to bring people in. Once there, folks browse, see and buy what they might never buy anywhere else, thus aiding the flow of information to keep the public intellectually healthy.

Sincerely,

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