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As both a reader and published author, I am dismayed at the closing of many mortar-and-brick bookstores due to the piratical practices by Amazon. In the world of retail consumerism, the ability to inspect a book or a pair of shoes or a scarf is a vital factor that plays, in large part, as a quality control mechanism. The creative and editorial quality of books, in the absence of bookstores, and left only to the maximum profit-conscious motivations of the Amazons, is bound to go down. R.I.P., those who value books. The Amazon Demon of Death is on its way.

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