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Sir:

Monopolies are never good for any field. This is particularly so in the book market. Bookstores provide hands on selling, advice to readers, and many services which cannot be matched online.

As a mid-list writer, many of my books, two now considered classics, would not have found an audience if available only online. They found their way to audiences, one in hardcover for 24 years, another in hardcover for 23 years, because individual booksellers read the books, loved them and placed them into the hands of the readers who would love them for themselves and would buy them as gifts to others. This service is invaluable to readers and writers.

I strongly urge you to support the work of our representative organization, the Authors Guild, in trying to keep Amazon from controlling the reading lives of all Americans. A place exists for Amazon, but a place also exists for individual booksellers and their welcoming stores.

Thank you,
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