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Subject: nited States v. Apple, Inc. et al., No. 12-CV-2826(DLC) (S.D.N.Y.) – Comments on Proposed Final Judgment as to Defendants Hachette, HarperCollins, and Simon & Schuster
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Text of your email: I am both a reader and an author.

I write or have written for such publishers as St. Martin's Press, Penguin-Putnam (Berkley Books) and Hachette Book Group (Grand Central); parties who were named in this DOJ suit and are either settling with the DOJ or continuing the litigation. I am also self-publishing my reverted back-list titles as well as some original work.. I think I have quite a good understanding of the current publishing landscape.

As a reader, I spend easily \$100-200 dollars per month on books. Over the last year the books I buy are increasingly digital books. In fact, I'd now say that 95% of my book purchases are eBooks. What's more, I buy fewer and fewer books that aren't self-published because eBooks from the Big 6, and I include my own books with them, are too expensive. I dislike knowing I'm not getting a fair price.

I cannot lend my Big-6 eBooks. Although I have several legally purchased eReaders, Apps or Cloud storage devices, the number of times I can download those books is limited to 5 devices. But I totted up my devices and I have 7. (iPhone, iMac, MacBookPro, 2 iPads, a Kindle Fire and a Nook) 8 if I count the Amazon Cloud reader., Tthat doesn't include other reader Apps I own, (BlueFire, for example).

Big-6 eBooks are overpriced and limited as to use (why? for what reason?) and as a reader I find that outrageous. It's even more outrageous if it's true publishers did, indeed, conspire to keep eBook prices artificially high.

As an author, I hear from frustrated readers all the time regarding their inability to buy the books they want under terms and conditions they feel are fair. at a price they feel is fair. I share that frustration.

The defendants in the DOJ action appear to have decided not to compete in the digital environment and instead took actions that punish consumers of eBooks.

I support the settlement as a reader and an author.

Regards,

Carolyn Jewel

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