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Subject: Comments to DOJ

Dear Mr. Read,

As a single independent bookstore owner in the USA, I would like to voice my objection to the investigation of publishers happening on conspiracy to fix prices.

It is clear to me the publishers are following a long held practice of keeping the playing field level for ALL their customers. The intense discounting of books has decimated the independent bookstores in this country and has seriously eroded the quality and types of books being published today. Creating a country and publishing system that supports book culture & equality should be the #1 business of the DOJ. The only advantage to pursuing this case is the supremacy of Amazon - at the expense of the public.

There was an interesting article in the New York Times how the book culture in France was preserved. Please read:

<http://www.nytimes.com/2012/06/21/books/french-bookstores-are-still-prospering.html>

If there is one mono-culture monopoly in place that is being held by Amazon - please help support publishing and book culture in the USA.

Sincerely,

Cary Loren c/o Book Beat