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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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Name: Michelle Strauser
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Text of your email: Dear Mr. Read:

I am a long time consumer of books. I used spend close to \$200 per month on digital books (before agency pricing went into effect), and we digital readers have been treated poorly by publishers for years. They have been slow to digitize books. When they finally did make digital copies available, they would "window" them, meaning paper books would be released first and digital books would be released later, without any price reduction. The digital copies of their books are often poorly formatted, with serious errors, and often without proper covers.

Digital readers are also subjected to paying the same cost for digital books or sometimes even increased costs despite having far fewer rights. We can't lend the book to a family member or friend. We can't transfer a book from one device to another. We can't resell the book. We can't donate it to the library or to any other non-profit.

Our own copyright rights as a reader are totally ignored under the ebook model and having to pay increased prices as a result of an improper conspiracy by the publishers is outrageous.

While I don't think the DOJ settlement does enough to protect readers and their rights, it is a step in the right direction. Therefore, please consider this email as support for the settlement.

And, just to be upfront, I took advantage of a sample email as the basis for my comments, so this may look mostly familiar. It doesn't mean it isn't heartfelt!

Best regards,

Michelle Strauser

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