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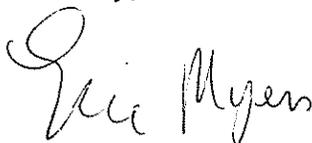
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Dear Judge Read,

I do hope that during the e-book lawsuit, you will bear in mind that your decision will affect book lovers and bookstores all over the country. Amazon seems determined to put brick-and-mortar book stores out of business. It is all but impossible for me to imagine a country where books are only available over the internet; where we have lost the traditional independent bookstores and Barnes and Noble stores where people can actually browse through physical books.

This is very close to happening as we speak, and your decision could put the final nail in the coffin. Once that happens, Amazon will soon be able to raise the price of e-books as high as they like because they will have no more competition. They will be a monopoly. And it will be all of America that will ultimately suffer, particularly its children.

Sincerely,



Eric Myers