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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 buy and read several books a week. I have owned a Kindle and purchased ebooks since 2008. I support the settlement although I do not think that punishes the publishers enough for their egregious behavior.

I do not expect all books to cost \$9.99. However I expect ebooks to cost less than physical books. Each time a paper book is produced it is necessary to produce, transport, manage and warehouse that book. Once the sunk costs of editing and producing a cover for an ebook is done then producing and delivering that book digitally is close to 0.

I have had to give up sharing books and donating books because the fact is that most ebooks are licensed rather than sold which should be of some value to the publisher. The publisher also does not have to deal with returns. Should we allow them to collude in order to soak up all of savings and not share this with the author and the readers? After all publishers would be nothing without the author and the reader.

For years there has been no competition between publishers to offer better contract terms to authors. They were essentially a cartel. Now there are other options and readers are also benefiting from the production of books that would not have found an audience had the reader had to depend on the publishers who had just given some huge advance to Snooki-- I swear to god-- SNOOKI! for some stupid ghost written book and then cry because they don't make the advance back.

The more I think about the behavior of Apple and the publishers the madder I get. It was so obvious to, the way prices shot up as soon as the Agency system was foisted on online booksellers.

Sincerely

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