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Text of your email: Dear Mr. Read. I am an attorney of the small town family law type. I am a consumer of books-- lots of books. I also am an early adopter of e-ink technology. I support the settlement but I would like to see it go further. I was appalled as this obvious collusion played out in front of me on the internet. It was plain that the publishers in question (and Apple) were try to "game the system" to the financial benefit of Apple and the publishers and the detriment of ebook readers

I frequently bought paper books at used book stores due to the number I consumed because this was more financially feasible. However, when I bought books this way neither publisher nor author received any additional payment. After reading I either gave the books away or donated them.

I received my Kindle in 1/2008. I immediately began buying ebooks that were a reasonable price with the understanding that I could neither donate nor give them away. However these were also books that the publisher did not have to worry about huge returns from retailers, did not have to manufacture, did not have to transport, did not have to store and did not have to claim as stock for tax purposes. and did not have to worry would end up in thrift stores.

I thought the lower prices were adequate recompense for my loss of rights.

I was appalled when I heard about the Agency agreement-- it is similar to the British Net Book agreement that kept prices of books high in the UK but was later found to be not in the public's interest in 1997. My response has been to not buy books from Apple's ibook store, to stop buying new books by the colluding publishers. While I continued to buy reasonably priced ebooks by independent presses, the publishers lost all the money I would have paid for reasonably priced ebooks and the authors lost all the royalties.

I have no idea how the publishers can claim they did this for the authors when the least review of the publisher's histories show they have rarely done anything that benefits the authors-- from the reduction of the royalty rate from ebooks to the rights grab they have made with regard to ebook publishing rights which were not in the original contract.

Thank you for your attention,

Sincerely

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