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Text of your email: Dear Mr. Read,

I am in favor of the DOJ settlement with the above publishers.

I feel publishers have been dealing with ebooks from a position of fear of this new type of reading. They were trying to prop up the paper book at the expense of consumers who were eager to buy into this new technology.

Publishers have forced book sellers to treat different forms of books differently. Publishers treat buyers as possible criminals by insisting ebooks have code that cripple the buyers desire to read them on devices of their choosing. No studies have been conclusive that such tactics actually keep books from being pirated.

I don't want to be forced to pay higher prices (no discounts allowed) just to appease the fears of companies who don't want to learn how to deal with electronic issues, and who work together to slow the adoption of this relatively new technology.

I applaud the DOJ for taking this stand against publishers and Apple and I hope the courts will support the settlement you have achieved with 3 of the publishers.

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