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Re: The Competitive Impact Statement

Sir,

The remedy of a two year competitive reset is onerous. The two-year period in which Amazon can take the 30% they receive in the agency model and deeply discount books doesn't affect publishers who will continue to receive their 70% under the agency model or wholesale price. It will, however, destroy the retail bookstores who had nothing to do with the alleged collusion of publishers as it will allow amazon to deeply discount books and put all the others out of business. This makes no sense to me. Without independent and brick-and-mortar bookstores the U.S. culture and its readers all suffer

Sincerely

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