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Dear Mr. Read,

I am a consumer and an avid reader. Since "agency" pricing was forced on Amazon, book prices have gone up very dramatically.

The following books were purchased through Barnes and Noble, but prices have consistently been similar on Amazon.

| Book Title | Author | Date of purchase | Purchase Price | Current Price |
|----------------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|---------------|
| Firefly Lane | Kristin Hannah | 3/19/11 | \$4.99 | \$9.99 |
| A Cottage by the Sea | Ciji Ware | 4/7/11 | \$0.00 | \$9.99 |
| The Janissary Tree | Jason Goodwin | 4/13/11 | \$2.99 | \$9.99 |
| The Dragon's Bride | Jo Beverley | 5/15/11 | \$4.99 | \$9.99 |

I have many more examples in my accounts. I know that agency pricing was adopted in 2010, but it took some time for bookstores to update pricing. And it also took some time for publishers outside the DoJ lawsuit to catch prices up to agency pricing. This time last year, I had no problem finding books published by name brand publishers that were discounted to cost less than \$5. I currently have more than 200 books on my Barnes and Noble wish list. Only four of them are discounted today.

My experience has been that "agency" pricing is very bad for the consumer.

Thank you,



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