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Subject: Please don't sanction Amazon's destructive, anticompetitive tactics
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Dear Mr. Read,

As an author and a member of the Author's Guild, I write to you regarding the litigation United States v. Apple, Inc., et al., 12-cv-2826 (DLC) (SDNY). Amazon is well known to engage in destructive, anticompetitive practices regarding ebook pricing, tactically selling ebooks at far below what other e-book vendors, including bricks-and-mortar bookstores, can afford. As an author the advent of the Nook, the iPad and other avenues for delivery of ebooks has loosened the stranglehold Amazon had on the market and was a welcome change.

The proposed settlement is not in the public interest. It needlessly imperils brick-and-mortar bookstores while it backs an online monopolist and discourages competition among e-book vendors and e-book device developers. The settlement needs to be rethought, and substantially modified.

Sincerely,

Tara Bray Smith