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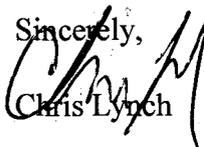
Dear Mr. Reed,

I am a writer of Young Adult fiction. I spend most of the year in the UK, but I am an American citizen and the vast majority of my publishing is in the United States. I have published twenty or so hardcover books with HarperCollins, Scholastic, and Simon & Schuster since I began in the business in 1993.

I am writing regarding the Department of Justice suit against Apple and five major publishers. There has been quite a bit written about it, and I have followed along as closely as I've been able to. It's a great deal to process. However, I have come to the conclusion that the suit and the settlement reached with three of the publishers is an unfortunate thing for the publishing world in the long run. It seems clear that for writers and readers to get the fairest treatment, the agency model is a much better design, and will ultimately provide the best environment for our business to thrive through the coming uncertain transitional years of evolution in the book world. The agency model will result in a more competitive marketplace, not less as the suit asserts.

Therefore, I do hope this settlement does not go through, and that a more equitable solution is considered.

Sincerely,


Chris Lynch