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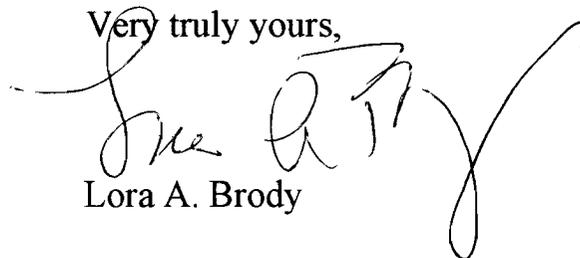
Dear Mr. Read:

The collusion case that the DoJ has brought against Apple and five publishers, and the proposed settlement of the lawsuit, is against the public interest. It simply reinforces the monopoly power that Amazon.com has been able to create for itself in the publishing field.

As an author, I have been harmed greatly by the predatory practices of Amazon.com, with which Apple and the publishers are trying introduce competition. Amazon has been exploiting its monopoly pricing power, as a result of which publishers have lost the ability to publish many established authors whose books are not blockbusters. Amazon's use of its monopoly power is also destroying the "bricks and mortar" book stores that are essential to fostering creativity in the publishing world.

I urge you to focus your enforcement efforts on the destructive effect of Amazon's monopoly power, and to support the efforts of the publishers and Apple to foster competition against Amazon's predatory practices.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lora A. Brody". The signature is stylized and fluid, with a long, sweeping tail that extends to the right.

Lora A. Brody