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Dear John R. Read, Esq.,

As an author and reader, I am writing you to ask that you weigh very carefully this decision that gives Amazon power to destroy a market based on reasonable prices. Amazon is setting its prices unreasonably low in order to drive others out of business. They are losing money, but will continue to play this game, until all the other players are removed. Their pricing is not really about the free market and fair competition.

But I would not be making my point unless I said that the tragedy of this decision is that many small book stores will disappear altogether if Amazon wins. These local businesses are not only sources of employment, they are sources for community, for intellectual exchange, for building real webs of human relationships among old people, young children, parents, singles in a space that is not about commerce but communion.

Thank you for considering my thoughts,

Wallis Wilde-Menozzi