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**Subject:** Price Fixing

Dear Mr. Read,

As an author (with Harper Collins) – the agency agreement gave me a fair to make a living from writing, it gave the consumers of my book a fair price to purchase, and it gave my publisher it's fair share of producing my book (which is by far a small school/library market).

If you allow Amazon to gobble up the market – we the artists – might as well throw up our pens and pencils in the air and apply or Walmart or Starbuck for a job. The consumer won't have their stories unless Amazon says they can. We need a diverse market so that all voices can be heard.

Please reconsider the agency agreement not as a pricing fixing scheme, rather, businesses and artists trying to determine a fair market value for their product.

I wish you the best in this tough decision as its results will be far reaching.

Kind Regards,  
Bettina Restrepo

PS – Working at Wal-Mart is honest work, it's just that no one will appreciate the years of education and dedication I have put forth in creating artistic work when I'm stocking yo-yos.

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