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A healthy, competitive book market is vital to our culture. It's not in the public interest for the government to help Amazon use e-books to target traditional brick-and-mortar bookstores. The DOJ's proposed settlement would allow Amazon to resume the predatory pricing that allowed it to capture 90% of the e-book market while undermining its offline competition. This would be detrimental to authors, publishers, book store owners (and staff), and readers! It is no secret that Amazon is committed to capturing the U.S. book market by forcibly moving it online, where it can more easily eliminate its competitors. Economic history tells us that monopolists tend to dictate terms to all participants in their markets. For the sake of our literary culture, our book market deserves a better fate.

Sincerely,

Eric Swanson