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Subject: e-book pricing and monopolies: I am an advocate of small, literary-driven bookstores that uphold the tradition

of books, hand held, for children as teaching tools and for adults who were raised, as I was, with reverence for quality, beauty and literary excellence as opposed to violence, screen addiction and low-brow fiction.

While I do not use e-books, I can see that they have value as long as high quality is what's available and I know that it is because a kid beside me on a plane was reading the original version of "The Wizard of Oz." To be listed on Amazon is positive for a writer, but Amazon's capacity to undermine bookstores where people gather to share the gift of language is a threat.

If there's ever to be a balance between technology and the literature that predated a techno-dominated age, it must come from the mutual concern of booksellers sharing economic profit, their efforts supported by a government that makes decisions that show concern for the education and intelligence of the American public. Laurie Newendorp