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Sent: Friday, June 22, 2012 11:31 PM
To: Read, John [John.Read@ATR.USDOJ.gov]
Subject: agency pricing is not price fixing!

Dear Mr. Read:

As a best-selling author of 19 books I am highly alarmed that the Department of Justice is apparently helping one predatory company, Amazon, control book retailing in the U.S. and abroad.

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. If there is any restraint-of-trade, it is being done by Amazon. The Department of Justice should drop its action against publishers, including my own publisher, Macmillan.

Thank you,
Kathy Hogan Trocheck

Spring Fever by Mary Kay Andrews, June 5, 2012