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Sent: Friday, June 22, 2012 9:48 PM
To: Read, John [John.Read@ATR.USDOJ.gov]
Subject: The Upcoming Amazon vs. Apple ebook pricing ruling

Dear John Reed,

I'm a member of the Author's Guild who has published 2 hardcover books in university presses, a book of short stories and a history about a controversial murder during the Revolutionary war. I've not made much money with these books and have supported myself and children as a technical editor and writer. I am about to publish an eBook and plan to choose Apple as a distributor because, as opposed to Amazon (despite the fact that Amazon overwhelmingly dominates the very young eBook marketplace), they don't give writers a fair shake--publishing most eBooks in the \$3 or less range. The eBook price established by Apple and several publishers isn't a great deal more, but most of us writers don't make enough money to support ourselves and work full-time day jobs. A carefully written book often takes years of moonlighting time, and so even a little additional compensation matters Quite a lot.

Sincerely, Deborah Navas,

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