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To: Read, John
Subject: book stores

Dear Mr. Read,

I live in New York City, where once there were many bookstores where I could go and browse, sit and read or buy a book. They are no longer around. Oh, there are a few, but not near me and gone is the warmth and comfort they provided, so integral, I believe, to the well being of a person and a city.

I understand Amazon's desire to grow and squeeze out the competition. That is the nature of capitalism, I suppose, of human nature, but this latest attempt to squeeze out bookstores goes deeper. Books are not widgets. They are as important to a person's well being almost as much as a grocery store. One provides food for the mind, the other for the body.

Please do what you can to keep bookstores alive. I would love to see them back again near where I live.

Sincerely,

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