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Dear Sir,

I believe that Department of Justice's suit against Apple and the publishers that agreed on agency pricing for ebooks backs the wrong horse if the goal is to ensure a competitive marketplace. The agency model helps publishers and booksellers fight (and fight fairly) Amazon's dominance—a dominance based on treating books as loss leaders.

As a journalist and part-time bookseller, I value almost beyond measure America's cultural and intellectual life, and I think it is jeopardized far more by the potential monopoly being handed to Amazon than by the agency model.

Thank you for your attention,



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