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LITIGATION III, ANTITRUST DIV.
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Re: E-book pricing litigation/settlement

Dear Mr. Read:

As an independent mystery bookshop, we urge the Court to uphold the "agency model" with respect to e-book pricing so that fair and balanced competition can be maintained in the bookselling marketplace.

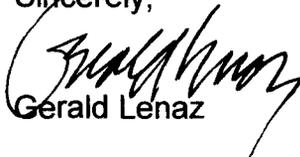
From our perspective the "agency model" has corrected below cost pricing, predominately practiced by Amazon and other large behemoths. Without the model, competition is stifled making it impossible for an independent bookseller to survive in the e-book marketplace dominated by the privileged few.

Main street businesses suffer and dwindle without regulation of the Amazon's of the publishing industry requiring fair and honest pricing models. Coupled with the current no sales tax on e-sales, Amazon and other large-scale retailers/publishers are becoming the new "robber barons" of the 21st Century.

You can level the playing field a bit by positively enforcing the agency model and in whatever settlement agreements are agreed to seeing that they do not water down the intent and purpose of the model.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


Gerald Lenaz

CC: New Atlantic Booksellers Association