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John Read

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Dear John Read

I believe that the Department of Justice is misguided in proceeding with its lawsuit against Macmillan, Penguin, Hachette, Simon & Schuster, HarperCollins and Apple Computer concerning the sale of e-books.

Not allowing publishers to set e-book prices will allow Amazon to sell e-books for artificially low prices, solidifying its current de facto monopoly of this market. The agency pricing model allowed many sellers to participate on a more even playing field.

I predict it will be impossible for small bookstores with a physical presence in their communities, who pay sales tax and participate in civic life to survive if we can't continue participate and grow our ebook sales. This will ultimately hurt consumers.

Thank you for considering my comments in this important matter.

Sincerely,

Patricia Hutchinson-Day

Partner RiverRead Books