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Dear John Read,

Why are you intervening in the market to help strengthen the monopoly of Amazon?

I am a middle list author and have watched my income decline as Amazon's power puts bookshops out of business and diminishes the chances of readers learning about my work.

The near monopoly power of Amazon has compelled my publishers to accept reduced rates of royalty without securing me sufficient extra sales to compensate.

Amazon is sucking book revenues away from authors and bookshops to enhance their already massive monopoly power.

The Apple deal offered my publishers a choice between Apple and Amazon.

Now you are seeking to remove that free market choice.

Please reconsider and take up arms AGAINST the monopoly, not in its favour.

With all good wishes,

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