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Dear Mr. Read:

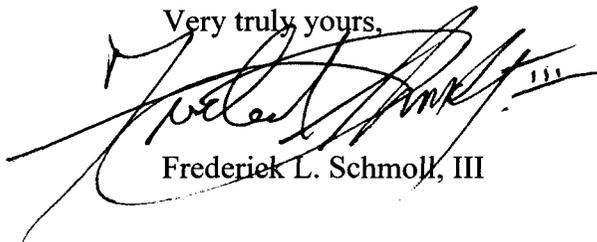
I have been following with interest the activities of the DOJ in dealing with the agency model as it applies to independent booksellers and publishers.

It appears to me that the agency model has been good for mom & pop bookstores, publishing and newly minted writers as well as being good for book purchasers. I was extremely concerned with the future of reading when Amazon.com began its price busting activities.

The agency model seems to have caused those independent booksellers that I am familiar with to begin selling e-books, and I am hopeful that they will continue to be able to do so in a competitive manner.

The free market will not work if competition dies.

Very truly yours,



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