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Subject: Comments from an author

Dear Mr. Read,

Kindly refresh my credentials on [www.nathaniellande.com](http://www.nathaniellande.com)

We authors feel that some of the predatory pricing practices by amazon are viewed as unfair.

There are many issues.

Not only are they damaging the survivability of independent book stores by setting prices, but damage sales by their agreement with Publishers Weekly, to lead off reveiws whether favorable or unfavorable without permission of the author of publisher. They are an on line book store, and not critic, and should be independent of reviews, and any PW review should be removed at any authors and publishers request.

The Authors Guild has tried unsuccessfully to remove this practice for years. But just try to reach someone in authority. Quite impossible to get past the gate-keepers, if you can get that far.

While reader comments can be helpful, when accurate, and balanced, amazon conspires to violate fair business practice.

I also understand, that individual authors and indepedent publishers cannot publish on amazon as they set their own price points. Amazon also takes unfair advantage by accepting their own proprietary KF8 files and not e-pub, creating unfair advantage.

I hope you can factor in these facts in your review and investigation.

Sincerely,

Nathaniel Lande