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Sir: I'm 81 years old and have been writing and publishing for over 50 years. I've seen many technological changes and structural changes in publishing during that time and, like most other writers, I've managed to get along. And, in addition, for some years, I had experience running a small, independent press. I regret to say that the proposed DOJ settlement is wrong-headed. It will succeed, for a while, in delivering books to the buyer at a lower cost, but ultimately it will destroy independent brick-and-mortar bookstores and that will severely limit the opportunity for unestablished writers to get their books read and to get established and ultimately it will establish Amazon as a monopoly. The public won't benefit from that or from the steps leading to that end.

Sincerely,
Eugene Mirabelli