

Should copyright laws favor readers more than authors?

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Background

Right now, there are debates going on about copyright infringement for books (due to the rise of electronic content/digitizing and the easiness of sharing on the internet). A lot of this is centered around (but not limited to) archiving services and libraries for hosting their content, as well as the [copyleft](#) movement.

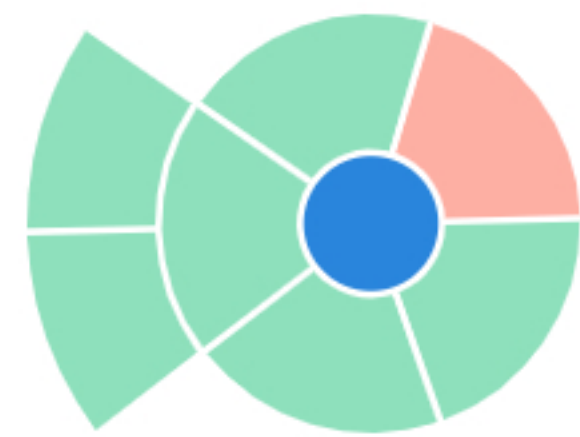
On one side, authors feel they're not compensated adequately for the work. The worst outcome if the laws work against them is that creators stop producing or provide a lower quality, because they don't get paid and publishers don't get enough money coming in to finance publishing and protecting them. If favored, content is the best anyone could ask for and provides satisfaction, happiness, and funding.

On the other side, readers have difficulties accessing material, and copyright laws work against them, even when they follow the rules and pay. The worst that can happen if the laws work against them is that people waste their money and effort to find and get books only to lose rights to them and education suffers or works could be lost to history (because people can't access them easily enough to the point no one can anymore or they become permanently unusable, due to not getting digitized and held in multiple locations). If favored, everyone gets the help and what they need as free sharing becomes the norm.

The worst part is without either side winning, both sides lose the ability to create and build upon each other. A solution needs to appear. Some people say the masses should be favored, but without authors, the masses would get nothing at all. Accessing works easily is beneficial to everyone, but at the same time there should be a way to allow authors adequate pay and royalties. In the end, let's figure out which side should be favored, so that society could move forward and pave the way to towards progress with the best outcome that we came up with.

Note: the author is confused and may not be the best one to do this discussion, but is learning with everyone else. Unfortunately I can't make a discussion where there's a third option called 'both' (or a fourth called 'neither') - to find a happy medium where everyone wins - but maybe throughout this discussion, we can find a way through this confusion and towards the correct answer.

Discussion Topology



Tags

Books Law Violation Education Future Society

Participants	Claims	Contributions	Votes
vegforlife	7	12	0
Goldendoggo	1	1	0