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copyright infringement on ebooks and its affects on authors

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I am author whose novels are published in e-book format. One thing that you can do is see that the public is informed that they are committing a crime by downloading intellectual property from a pirate web site. Even those who are aware give the excuse that publishers and authors are all rich and can afford to give away their works. They must be made to understand that they are doing irreparable harm to hard-working people trying to give pleasure to book readers.

Secondly, the pirates should be prosecuted aggressively. They way to stop them is to make a few examples and throw the "book" at them.

Most published authors do not even make a decent living through their published works. They can only look with horror as the book (or books) that they sweated blood to write is given away free by some criminal. If they are hurt too much, many will give writing altogether.

What will happen when piracy becomes so bad that there are no longer any e-books. People may as well give away their expensive Kindles, Sonys and Nooks. Downloading ebooks from pirates is stealing, plain and simple. The people downloading free e-books would not shoplift from a bookstore, yet they think that it is less immoral to steal from hard pressed publishers and starving authors. I guess that it is just easier not to get caught.