Publisher’s denial of Digital Ownership vs Decentralization

Mega Publishers v Internet Archive

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Publishers Are Taking the Internet to Court

In a lawsuit against the Internet Archive, the largest corporations in publishing want to change what it means to own a book.

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Owned by Rupert Murdoch $8billion

Lagardere SA $2billion

Division of Bertelsmann $20billion

Education tech $2billion
Pearson plans to sell its textbooks as NFTs

Educational publisher’s move into non-fungible tokens is intended to claw back some of the income lost to secondhand sales
Author coalition blasts publishers in legal fight with Internet Archive

(Reuters) - A group of more than 300 authors including Neil Gaiman and Naomi Klein issued a letter Thursday criticizing lawsuits from major publishing companies over the lending of digital books.
Digital Ownership at issue

Not Dead Yet
790,000 Software Titles
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5,000,000 Moving Images
580,000  Software Titles
5,000,000  Moving Images
14,000,000 Audio Recordings
790,000 Software Titles
5,000,000 Moving Images
14,000,000 Audio Recordings
2,200,000 Television News Programs
790,000  Software Titles
5,000,000  Moving Images
14,000,000  Audio Recordings
2,200,000  Hours of Television
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and they can decide what can be done with them, forever.
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and they can take them away at any time.
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if you can not buy one, but only lease it, then...
...then every reading event will be permissioned

every page is tracked by the publisher
change a book at any time,

and no libraries will own digital books,

Corporations and Governments can change history.
and no amount of digital currency or copyright law changes will stop it:

... the ‘miracle’ of license agreements

and there will be fewer and fewer publishers
Sounds bad, but... is it happening?
Yes—

unless we win our lawsuit
Disappearing books? Yes

Irish Librarians condemn publisher Wiley’s removal of hundreds of titles from ebook collections
Watching every page? Yes
Book Banning? Yes

Texas has banned more books than any other state, new report shows

Across the country, more books have been challenged and removed as religious and conservative groups target LGBTQ and race issues.

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Support indie publishers who sell books
Antitrust trial puts book publishing industry in the dock as Justice Department attempts to block merger of Penguin Random House, Simon & Schuster
And, Support the Internet Archive + Libraries that own collections
Thank you!

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