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**FROM:**

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**DATE:** April 14, 2009

**SUBJECT:** Google Book Settlement

You may have received notice or seen advertisements concerning the pending settlement of a class action lawsuit brought against Google by the Association of American Publishers and the Authors Guild of America. A settlement agreement has been negotiated and is scheduled to be approved on June 11, 2009. This settlement agreement will apply to books registered in the U.S. Copyright office on or before January 5, 2009. "Books," as defined in the settlement agreement, would not include periodicals, personal papers, sheet music, public domain or government works. The purpose of this memorandum is to let you know about this settlement agreement so that you can take appropriate steps to protect your rights in any books that you have authored.

All authors, publishers, or owners of Books, as defined above, will become part of the class settlement unless they opt out of the settlement in writing before May 5, 2009. Most commercial publishers are represented by the Association of American Publishers and have decided to remain part of the class. Similarly, almost all of the 133 members of the Association of American University Presses, including the University of Pittsburgh Press, intend to remain a party to the settlement agreement. You may have separate rights to protect as an author or owner of a book covered under the Google Book Settlement Agreement.

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