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Hillary,

Sorry to bug you about this, but I learned today in a book industry blog about State's partnership with Amazon for Kindles for embassies. I am sure there are great benefits to this program, but someday (maybe soon?) I'd love to chat with you about why this news is so distressing to independent booksellers across the country. Brad and I appreciate very deeply that you are a stalwart and steadfast champion of stores like Politics & Prose and all that they represent to their communities and to promoting an informed and engaged citizenry. But right now, Indies are in a battle for survival due in large part to the monopolistic and predatory business practices of Amazon and the uneven playing field on which we are forced to compete. I can't convey the scope and depth of this issue -- or the emotion attached to it -- in one email. But I really hope we can discuss it sometime.

On a related note, let me know when you're ready for some more book suggestions. Did you ever read God's Hotel, the book that Becky edited by the doctor working at Laguna Honda in SF? It's a must read for you. If you don't still have the galley, I'll send a hard copy over to you.

xoxo

Lissa