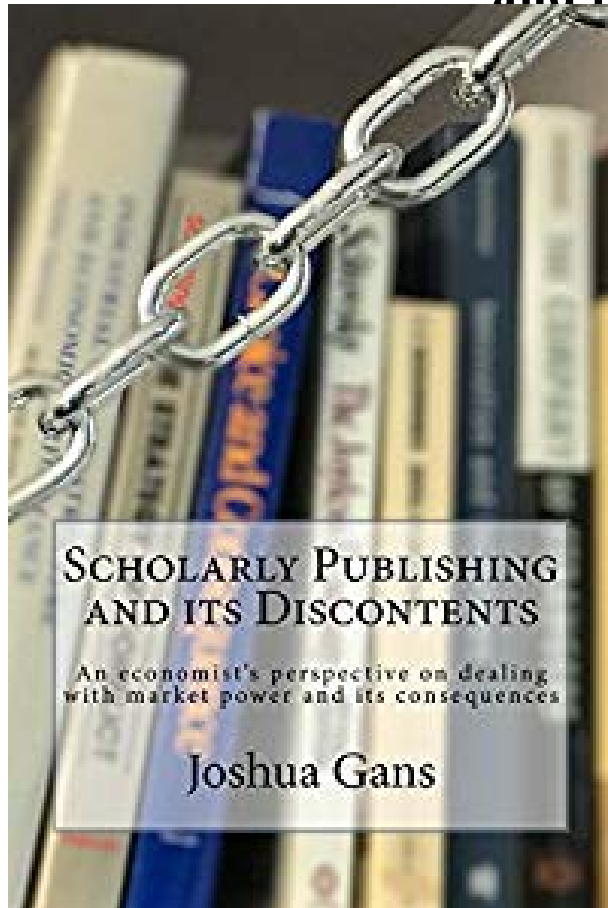


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The book provides an economic treatment and concludes that the only way to have a long lasting sustainable means of diminishing publisher market power is to unlock the knowledge from within journals rather than open access to the journals themselves. If you want an overview of the long-lasting debates in this area with a clear presentation of economic evidence and findings and some thought-provoking ideas, this is book is for you.