

Important Information for Johns Hopkins University Press Authors: *Bartz v. Anthropic* Copyright Settlement*

"This Settlement resolves a class action lawsuit brought against Anthropic over the company's use of allegedly pirated books to train its AI model. The plaintiffs claim that Anthropic infringed protected copyrights by downloading books from Library Genesis (LibGen) and Pirate Library Mirror (PiLiMi). Anthropic denies these claims. The Court didn't decide who was right. Instead, both sides agreed to settle to avoid more litigation."

—from the Anthropic Copyright Settlement website

The *Bartz v. Anthropic* Court has asked publishers to assist in notifying authors and other rightsholders about the ongoing settlement and claims process. Because both authors and publishers are potential claimants, each must follow the claims process independently to receive their portion of the payment if their book is included in this settlement (see below). As part of this effort to notify authors, Johns Hopkins University Press is providing the Settlement Administrator (SA) with contact information for authors of JHUP books that may be included in the settlement.

The SA will only use this information to contact authors about the settlement and potential payments. Your information will remain confidential and will not be shared or used for any other purpose. You may also confirm or update your contact information directly with the SA by emailing info@AnthropicCopyrightSettlement.com with the subject line "Author confirming contact information." Doing so ensures you receive official notice of the settlement and claims process.

Please note that providing contact information to the Settlement Administrator does not mean you've submitted a claim for payment—filing a claim is a separate step.

How to Check if Your Books Are Included

You can visit www.AnthropicCopyrightSettlement.com to search the database of works included in the settlement.

Books included in the settlement are those that:

- were downloaded by Anthropic from LibGen (June–July 2021) or Pirate Library Mirror (PiLiMi) (August 2022),
- were timely registered with the U.S. Copyright Office (within five years of publication and before Anthropic's download, or within three months of publication), and
- have an ISBN or ASIN.

What to Do if Your Book Is Included

If your book is included in this settlement, you must submit a claim form directly with the Settlement Administrator (SA) to ensure that you receive your portion of the payment. Authors must file as

"beneficial" owners of the books, and Publishers must file as "legal" owners. If the book has multiple authors, each author should submit a claim. To clarify, Johns Hopkins University Press, as your publisher, will not be sent the full amount of the settlement in order to distribute payments to authors.

We encourage you to review the FAQs prepared by Class Counsel (FAQ page link).

Key Dates

- November 2025: Direct notices to authors will be sent by the Settlement Administrator (SA) in late November 2025.
- **December 2025:** If you do not receive a notice by early December 2025 but believe your work should be included, please contact the SA via the <u>settlement website</u>.
- March 2026: The deadline to file a claim is March 23, 2026.
 - Claims may be submitted at any time before this date.
 - o All timely claims will be processed together, regardless of when they are submitted.
 - The official notice you receive from the SA will include unique identifiers for your book(s), which may simplify the claims process.

Questions?

For comprehensive information about eligibility, deadlines, and the claims process, please visit www.AnthropicCopyrightSettlement.com or contact the Settlement Administrator directly through the channels listed on that site.

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