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I have a favor to ask any US Amazon customers out there: would you mind going to [https://www.amazon.com/Blindsigh.../dp/B0973QY1ZK/ref=sr\\_1\\_1](https://www.amazon.com/Blindsigh.../dp/B0973QY1ZK/ref=sr_1_1) and leaving a reader review pointing out that this is a pirated edition, unauthorized by the author, and that the "annotations" consist of a couple of wikipedia pages pasted onto the front of the manuscript? I would do it myself, but I am not allowed to post reviews on [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) because I "have not met the minimum eligibility requirements" (i.e., I have not given them enough money).

I have, of course, launched a copyright infringement notice through Amazon's official channels, and Amazon is being its usual dickish self in terms of acting on it. I continue to jump through their hoops. In the meantime, though, it would be nice if potential customers could be informed that they (and I) are being ripped off.

Thank you. We now return you to your regularly scheduled data-mining experience.



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Thanks to all you good souls who heeded the call on my last post. It worked. Amazon ultimately removed all your 1-star reviews because they constituted "suspicious activity", but they also seem to have deleted the infringing edition of Blindsight, so I would call this a qualified victory.

It is not an \*un\*qualified victory because Amazon has now gone on to threaten several innocent booksellers who never peddled the pirate edition in the first place. I'm not certain, but I suspect this is because Amazon's bots don't speak English very well, and when I said "Here is the link to the copyrighted material, and over here is the link to the material that infringes upon it" they just mindlessly lumped all links together as "infringing". (You can't really blame Amazon for not hiring actual people to deal with these issues; why, that might reduce their profit margin by some fraction of a percent.) So now I have to try and get all that bycatch un-blacklisted.

Still. In the end, it worked. So again, thank you.

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