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As a small-time author who actively uses AI technologies like ChatGPT in my writing process, I find myself uniquely situated between the interests of established authors and the emerging capabilities of AI.

Recently, George R.R. Martin and other prominent authors have initiated a lawsuit against ChatGPT's parent company OpenAI, accusing the company of "systematic theft on a mass scale." While I empathize with these authors' concerns over the sanctity of their work, my experience as a user of ChatGPT paints a different picture. I have found that, even when I ask the AI to write in a specific author's style, AI technologies like ChatGPT do not replicate or steal from existing works. Whether AI can faithfully capture an author's unique voice remains a contentious question. However, it's essential to remember that artists and writers have drawn inspiration from one another for centuries without necessarily engaging in copyright infringement.

My own workflow incorporates AI, specifically for writing books. Though AI can generate text at a rapid pace, it doesn't produce polished, finished stories. Crafting a compelling narrative involves multiple stages of prompting, revising, and editing. Therefore, while AI may be a tool in the creation and brainstorming process, it is not an independent creator despite some creators using it as such. People who use AI to create books quickly with minimum input wind up with low quality books.

Furthermore, it is important to recognize that the use of AI is not limited to a select few; it has become increasingly integrated into our daily lives. Technologies like Grammarly for editing and even auto-suggest features on our phones are AI-based and are employed by writers and laypeople alike. Requiring writers to quantify the extent to which AI was used in their creative process would be both impractical and burdensome. Many of us collaborate with AI in an

intuitive, iterative manner, making it exceedingly difficult to measure AI's contribution in quantitative terms.

While the protection of intellectual property is crucial, it is equally vital to consider the nuanced role that AI plays in the creative process. As AI continues to advance, it is my hope that copyright law will evolve in a way that respects the rights of original creators without stifling innovation or placing undue burdens on writers like myself who utilize AI as a creative tool.

Thank you for considering my views.

Sincerely,

William Norman