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Dear Allan S. Pringle,

I am taking this time to send you this letter in regards to a book you edited entitled **Technical Writing 101**. After a thorough reading I have discovered that there are many important factors that may have not been put into consideration before publishing this book. I think that your book provides a sound and fundamental approach to the art of technical writing but many important factors may have been left out. These factors are crucial because they help future technical writers adapt to the modern age and the technologies which are a part of it. Your book provides a very exact step by step guide to technical writing but like any art, things aren't so set in stone and they must adapt.

One idea in your book that I would like you to take a look at is what an "expert" truly is in this day and age. You believe that an expert is someone who is exact in their craft, can be judged and held accountable for what they say. You also believe we should reach out to then during times of confusion for clarity. David Weinberger in his book **Too Big to Know** places an argument against this idea and I hope you take it into consideration. In TBTK Weinberger argues that experts can be wrong. Experts are just a group of people who are educated and state an opinion. Weinberger says a fact "facts that a large community of belief accepts as not worth arguing about" (PG41) He says that "Try to use facts to ground an argument, and you'll find someone contradicting it." (Pg. 41). David Weinberger is showing that in today in modern times facts are everywhere on the internet, and unlike in the past where people would end an argument based on facts. Today if you search the internet you will find another fact to counter argue with. The "truth" is everywhere on the internet.

Another point I would like you to take into consideration is your thoughts and beliefs on knowledge. You believe the internet is occupied with a lot of clutter, and false information. You also believe that technology is distracting us from old-fashioned methods of learning. Weinberger believes that the internet does have some great uses. He believes that it is great for checking facts. The internet is also filled with data and information from libraries so it also incorporates the older traditional methods. Also with the important facts out there you also get the views of normal people whose voice is not heard on the mainstream. Because of forums and blogs you can get views from other educated people who may not be viewed as experts but may have great things to say.

Thank you for taking the time out to read this letter. I hope it opens your eyes to the evolving times around us. We are now in 2013 and simply relying on experts for information is a thing of the past. People are more likely to believe information from someone on a blog and an expert on TV.

Sincerely

Lesean Rowe