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Meadows, noting a suggestion that readers of e-books often go on to buy the hard copies, suggests that this may be the case with Penguin, who sold more than 250,000 copies inside three months even though many of the titles were out-of-copyright and could be found for free on the Internet.

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