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## christine lepera quoted in *billboard*

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Christine Lepera was quoted in the article, "Adele Fans Still Fighting For Her Attention After Pulling Their Unauthorized Book Based On Lyrics," published by *Billboard* on October 26, 2017.

The article discusses how fans, Rana and Ahmad Alyaseer, set out to get their 227-page novel-- based on their trip to Italy from Jordan to see an Adele concert -- into the hands of Adele herself. But after seeing *My Trip to Adele* soar to the No. 2 spot among the top 100 free Amazon reads last December, the siblings have pulled it from the internet following instructions from the singer's camp to stop distributing it without permission.

*From the article:*

"Every artist and songwriter has the right to protect her intellectual property from unauthorized use," says Christine Lepera, co-chair of the IP/Entertainment Litigation Group of Mitchell Silberberg & Knupp LLP, adding that decisions regarding the use of lyrics -- often co-owned by music publishers and other writers -- may not be up to the artist. "Contractual arrangements may also prevent a writer or artist from unilaterally approving certain uses of their lyrics or music, regardless of whether or not the proposed use is not monetized or whether it is simply a sign of fan love."

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