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If you only need the buying answer, 180-day digital access is still the cheapest route, but the current Merybook print listing is close enough to the Amazon market and far below the sampled new-book market that print still makes sense if you expect to keep this treatment text beyond one class.

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The honest read is that print does not win on raw short-term price. Digital access still comes in lower. But the current Merybook copy is almost flat with Amazon new and used pricing and dramatically below the sampled new-book market elsewhere. That means the decision is really about time horizon and use, not about overpaying for a physical copy.

What this book actually teaches

Addiction Treatment: A Strengths Perspective is useful because it shifts students away from a narrow pathology lens and toward treatment, recovery, systems, and client capacity. A good addiction-treatment text should help readers understand models of care, engagement, relapse realities, ethics, family context, and why strengths-based practice changes the tone of helping work.

That matters because students in social work, counseling, and human services often

return to these ideas when casework becomes more real. A strengths perspective is not just a chapter heading to memorize. It is a way of seeing people and treatment possibilities that gets tested later in fieldwork, supervision, and practice conversations.

Who should buy print and who should not

Buy print if you expect to revisit treatment models, recovery thinking, and helping frameworks after the class ends. At the current prices, ownership is reasonable and much easier to defend than publisher-market pricing would suggest.

Use digital only if your goal is the lowest one-term cost or if MindTap is required for the course anyway. That is still the cheaper short-term route.

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