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If you only need the buying answer: rental is the cheapest short-term route in this snapshot, but the current paperback is still much lower than the sampled used, new, marketplace, and eBook comparators. That means print is very competitive if you expect the book to remain useful beyond one gerontology class.

Current price comparison

Format	Source	Price	Link
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Quarter rental	eCampus	\$54.38	Check price
Marketplace	eCampus	\$91.06	Check price
eBook (180 days)	eCampus	\$92.40	Check price

What this book actually teaches

Aging: Concepts and Controversies is a gerontology text that works through major debates about aging, care, policy, identity, and social change. The book matters because it treats aging as a contested social and human question, not just a biological process or a list of service systems.

That gives it more life than a simple survey requirement. Readers in gerontology, social work, counseling, and human services often return to the ideas later when policy, care, and demographic change become more concrete in practice or advanced coursework.

When print is still worth buying

The honest cheapest route is rental. But the current paperback sits so much lower than the sampled used, new, marketplace, and eBook comparators that ownership still looks strong if you want a copy to keep. This is a good example of a book where the short-term cheapest option is not automatically the best overall value.

I would lean toward rental for a very narrow one-course need. I would lean toward print for readers who expect to revisit debates in aging, care, and policy later in training or practice.

Sources checked

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