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That is why ownership can still make sense. A durable physiology reference can remain useful later in advanced coursework or professional pathways. The market simply says

that if you only need the material briefly, cheaper access exists.

Who should choose short-term access and who should buy hardcover

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