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Hydrogeology books rarely function as disposable semester texts. Students tend to return to them when groundwater flow, aquifer properties, contaminant transport, and field interpretation resurface in later coursework or applied environmental work. For ISBN 9781478646525, the real buying question is whether you need the cheapest temporary access or a technical reference worth keeping.

## If you only need the buying answer

The cheapest visible route is 90-day digital access at about **\$32.89**, followed by 120-day at **\$37.58** and 180-day at **\$46.98**. Rental is about **\$54.57**, while the current new print listing is **\$69.56**. That makes this a clear split case: digital wins for short-term cost control, but print is still a strong ownership route because it is below the sampled new print market at **\$99.61** and even below lifetime digital at **\$70.46**.

## Price comparison

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## What this price means in practice

This is a textbook where short digital access makes perfect sense if the goal is simply to get through one term cheaply. But once the book starts looking like a long-term groundwater reference, the current print listing becomes much more attractive, especially because it is below lifetime digital and below the sampled new-print market.

That is exactly the kind of structure where I would separate the short-term answer from the long-term answer instead of pretending one format wins for everyone.

## What this book actually teaches

*Applied Hydrogeology* teaches how groundwater systems work through aquifer properties, flow logic, contaminant movement, quantitative examples, and applied environmental interpretation. The value of a book like this lies in how it connects physical concepts to the mathematics and field reasoning students need later.

That makes it far more reusable than a generic survey text. Students who move deeper into environmental science, hydrogeology, or engineering often end up wanting a stable reference for these concepts.

## Who should choose digital, and who should buy print

Choose digital if this is a one-course requirement and the goal is the lowest short-term spend.

Choose print if you expect groundwater concepts to matter later in environmental, geology, or engineering work and you want a retained technical reference. At the current price, print is a strong ownership route.

## Sources checked

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