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If you only need the buying answer: the eBook routes are cheaper in this snapshot, especially the short-term rental. But the current paperback is still lower than the sampled IFSTA and used print comparators, and this is a book that often behaves like a reference rather than a disposable course text.

Current price comparison

Format	Source	Price	Link
Paperback	Merybook	\$60.79	Check price
eBook rental (150 days)	eCampus	\$16.20	Check price
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What this book actually teaches

Building Construction Related to the Fire Service is a fire-service text about structural systems, building features, collapse risk, fire behavior implications, and tactical understanding. The book matters because it helps readers connect construction knowledge directly to fireground decision-making rather than treating buildings as abstract technical objects.

That practical connection gives the book more long-term value than many ordinary survey texts. Fire-service readers often return to construction and collapse concepts repeatedly in later training and operational thinking.

When print is still worth buying

The honest cheapest routes are the eBook options. But the current paperback is still below the sampled IFSTA print price and below the sampled used print comparator, which keeps ownership reasonable if you want a physical copy to mark up and keep

accessible for later review.

I would lean toward eBook for the lowest-cost short-term access. I would lean toward print for firefighters and fire-service students who expect to keep using construction knowledge after the current class ends.

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