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If you only need the buying answer: rental is the cheapest short-term route in this snapshot. The current paperback is still below the sampled Kindle price and below the sampled new-print comparator, but it is not the lowest route for one semester. The real question is whether you need a temporary class copy or a pediatric reference you will keep using.

Current price comparison

Format	Source	Price	Link
Paperback	Merybook	\$101.96	Check price
Semester rental	eCampus	\$77.27	Check price
Kindle	Amazon	\$108.79	Check price
Paperback	Amazon	\$132.54	Check price

What this book actually teaches

Burns' Pediatric Primary Care is a major pediatric clinical text about assessment, diagnosis, management, and developmental reasoning in primary care. Its value is not only in covering pediatric conditions. It matters because it helps readers think through pediatric presentation and decision-making in a way that often remains useful in later clinical settings.

That makes it different from a throwaway survey text. Pediatric primary care books often become working references for nurse practitioner students and advanced practice trainees who need to return to symptoms, developmental context, and management choices after the course itself ends.

When print is still worth buying

The honest short-term value route is rental. But the current paperback is still priced below the sampled Kindle option and below the sampled new print comparator. That keeps ownership reasonable for readers who expect pediatric assessment and management material to stay useful in later clinical work.

I would lean toward rental for a short, course-bound need. I would lean toward print for pediatric nurse practitioner students and advanced practice readers who expect to keep using the book after the semester ends.

Sources checked

- [eCampus rental check](#)
- [Amazon Kindle market check](#)
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