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Key Decision Summary

- **Edition Fit:** ISBN 9781133386704 is the eText ISBN tied to the eighth edition of *Cengage Advantage Books: Introductory Musicianship*; the associated print market often uses ISBN 9781111343545.
- **Cheapest Route:** The 180-day eTextbook is the lowest clean option by a wide margin.
- **Workbook Logic:** Print only makes sense if your course really benefits from a physical notation-and-drill format.
- **Price Snapshot Date:** April 15, 2026

If you only need the buying answer

If your goal is lowest cost, the 180-day eTextbook at **\$58.99** is clearly the better route. The current print listing at **\$113.50** is lower than the sampled used and new-print comparators, but it is still far above digital. That means print only makes sense if you specifically want a workbook-like paper format for written drill and notation practice.

Store	Format	Condition	Price	Link
Merybook	Print	New	\$113.50	Check listing
VitalSource	eTextbook	180-day access	\$58.99	Check price
Knetbooks	Print	Used	\$141.73	Check price
BiggerBooks	Print	New	\$191.05	Check price

This is a good example of where the form of the course matters more than the title

alone. Musicianship is often tactile. Students write, mark, correct, and repeat small exercises. If your course is built that way, paper may genuinely help. If not, the digital discount is too large to ignore.

What this book actually teaches

Introductory Musicianship is designed around notation, rhythm, interval work, written drill, and the repeated correction that comes with early musicianship training. It behaves more like a workbook than like a typical read-and-discuss textbook. That is why some students still prefer a physical format.

But format preference is not the same as value. In this snapshot, digital is far cheaper. Print only becomes worth it when the physical act of writing and revising on paper is central to how the course is taught.

When print is worth buying

If you only need access and cost matters most, digital wins clearly. If your class strongly rewards paper-based drill and annotation, then print can still be justified despite the premium.

Sources checked

- Cengage product page for *Cengage Advantage Books: Introductory Musicianship*, 8th edition: [cengage.com](https://www.cengage.com)
- VitalSource listing for the eTextbook ISBN: [vitalsource.com](https://www.vitalsource.com)
- Current market pricing reviewed on April 15, 2026.