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If you only need the buying answer, 180-day digital access is still the cheapest route and semester rental is slightly below the current Merybook print listing. But the current paperback is essentially tied with Kindle pricing and far below the broader print market, so ownership still makes sense if you want a practice text to keep into fieldwork and later coursework.

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The market does not make this a simple “print always wins” case. Short-term digital access is still the lowest-cost option, and semester rental is slightly lower than the current print copy. But the current Merybook paperback is dramatically better than the rest of the sampled print market and basically tied with Kindle. That changes the ownership conversation in a meaningful way.

## What this book actually teaches

*Clinical Social Work Practice: An Integrated Approach* is useful because it helps students connect theory, assessment, intervention, and reflective judgment instead of treating practice as a loose collection of techniques. The best clinical social work texts help readers think about people in context, integrate models of care, and make sense of why apparently neat frameworks become complicated in real practice.

That is why this kind of book often becomes more useful once fieldwork begins. Students start looking back for orientation when cases become messier, organizations more constraining, and clinical decisions less obvious. A practice book that already holds the student's own notes can become more than a textbook. It becomes part of how they stabilize their early professional thinking.

## **Who should buy print and who should not**

Buy print if you are heading into social work fieldwork, clinical electives, or other practice-heavy study and want a text to keep. The current print listing is close enough to Kindle and rental to make ownership realistic.

Choose digital only if your need is strictly short-term and cost is the main issue. In that narrower case, the 180-day access route is still the cheapest answer.

## **Sources checked**

- Merybook product listing for ISBN 9780135816929
- Amazon pricing snapshots for paperback offers and Kindle
- eCampus pricing snapshots for used print, semester rental, and 180-day digital access
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