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If you only need the buying answer

The honest answer here is that the current listing for **Criminal Behavior: A Psychological Approach** is not the strongest value route in the sampled market. Pearson's related print path is lower, and the sampled digital route is also lower. So if your goal is minimum cost, the current listing is not the one I would choose first. This is one of those cases where the useful answer is to avoid forcing the page into a fake print-win narrative.

Format	Source	Price
Current listing	Merybook	\$127.47 Check price
Print	Pearson	\$79.99 Check price
Digital	VitalSource / CampusBooks market	\$89.99 Check price

So the practical conclusion is simple: if you want the book, there are cheaper ways to get it than the current listing. That does not make the title unimportant. It just means the market does not support a "buy this exact listing now" conclusion.

What this book actually teaches

A criminal-behavior text matters when it helps students connect psychological theory to offending, risk, personality, development, treatment, and the larger systems that shape criminal conduct. A good text in this area does more than describe crime categories. It teaches students how to think about behavior through evidence, theory, and intervention.

That can still make the book worth owning for the right reader. Students in forensic psychology, criminology, counseling, corrections, and related fields often revisit this material later. But the value of the content should not be confused with the value of one specific listing.

What I would do instead

If you want the lowest cost, choose the cheaper Pearson print or the sampled digital route instead of the current listing. Only consider the current listing if other routes disappear or if a specific condition issue changes the comparison later. Right now, the market says better options exist.

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