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If you only need the buying answer

The cheapest short-term route for **Criminal Investigation** is the 180-day digital edition, not the current print listing. But the current print copy is still much lower than the sampled campus-store print prices and below the sampled lifetime eTextbook. For students who want a keepable investigation text, the current print route still compares well against the broader ownership market.

Format	Source	Price	
Print	Merybook	\$82.96	Check price
Digital (180 days)	Digital market	\$59.99	Check price
Lifetime eTextbook	Digital market	\$111.99	Check price
Print market	Campus-store references	\$126.00 to \$134.00	Check price

This is another split case. Digital wins on immediate cost. Print becomes attractive only if you want to keep the book and use it later, because the current print listing is meaningfully below the broader ownership market.

What this book actually teaches

A criminal-investigation text matters because it helps students think through evidence, procedure, scene logic, interviews, case development, and investigative decision-making rather than just memorizing terms. A good book in this area often functions as a practical reference because the same investigative frameworks come back in later criminal-justice training.

That is why some readers still prefer ownership. A kept investigation text may still be useful later in coursework or professional pathways. But the market is still clear that the cheapest route is temporary digital access, not print.

Who should choose digital and who should buy print

Choose digital if you only want the lowest one-term cost. Buy print if you want a physical investigation text to keep and revisit later. In the current market, digital wins short-term and print wins on ownership value.

Sources checked

- [Merybook print listing search](#)
- [General market search for ISBN 9780357511671](#)
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