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If you only need the buying answer

The current listing for **Essentials of Accounting for Governmental and Not-for-Profit Organizations** is materially below the broader sampled market, so it is a strong ownership route on national-market pricing. There was one much lower local bookstore reference in the old page, but that looked like a highly specific campus inventory case rather than a broadly available benchmark. For most readers comparing generally accessible prices, the current listing is clearly competitive.

Format	Source	Price
Current listing	Merybook	\$85.48 Check price
Buy-from market	Bookstores.com	\$126.96 Check price
Brand-new market	Bookstores.com	\$147.27 Check price
Retail list	AllBookstores	\$205.25 Check price

This is not the kind of case where print only barely competes. The current listing is meaningfully stronger than the broader visible market. That makes ownership much easier to justify if you want the book as a retained accounting reference.

What this book actually teaches

Governmental and not-for-profit accounting matters because it trains students to think beyond ordinary corporate-accounting logic. A good text in this area teaches fund accounting, reporting objectives, governmental statements, budgetary control, and the distinct logic of public and not-for-profit financial accountability. That is why the book can remain useful after the course ends, especially for students headed into public-sector accounting, auditing, or nonprofit finance.

Because the subject is specialized, students who need it often really need it. A retained print copy can make sense if the material is likely to come back in later accounting,

public administration, or nonprofit-management work.

Who should buy print

Buy the current print listing if you want a generally available ownership route and expect to keep the material beyond one class. I would not build the decision around an isolated campus-inventory outlier. On the broader market that most readers can actually access, the current listing is strong.

Sources checked

- [Merybook listing search](#)
- [General market search for ISBN 9781264822720](#)