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If you only need the buying answer, the 180-day eText is the cheapest clean route in the current snapshot. The print copy still has a real case because it is only slightly below rental and far below official print, which makes ownership reasonable if ethics is likely to come back in later policing, courts, or corrections work.

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This is a genuinely split decision. The eText is the cheapest clean short-term route. But print sits essentially on top of rental while remaining far below official retail, which means ownership is not an unreasonable premium if the student expects the book to remain useful later. The whole decision changes again if MindTap is required, because then a low print price is not the full course cost.

## **What this book actually teaches**

*Ethical Dilemmas and Decisions in Criminal Justice* is useful because it keeps recurring professional questions alive rather than pretending there are easy answers. Books like this matter in policing, courts, and corrections because they force readers to work through discretion, authority, loyalty, accountability, policy, and institutional pressure in case-based form. That gives the book more continuing value than a one-pass theory survey.

If ethics is likely to return in later coursework, academy preparation, or professional training, print becomes much easier to justify. If the class is only a short ethics requirement, the eText is still the cleaner financial answer.

## Who should buy print and who should not

Go digital if you only want the cheapest short-term access. Buy print if you expect to revisit criminal justice ethics in later classes or early professional preparation and the course does not force MindTap. In this market, print is a reuse decision, not the cheapest-access decision.

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