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Ethics books often outlive the course that assigns them. A good ethics text is not only a source of cases. It is a training ground for comparison, judgment, and moral reasoning that tends to return later in nursing, business, criminal justice, health care, and professional life. For ISBN 9780357798539, the right question is therefore not just where to buy it, but whether you need the cheapest short-term access or a copy worth keeping.

## If you only need the buying answer

The cheapest short-term route here is quarter rental at about **\$40.46**. If your goal is pure one-term cost control, rental wins. But the current new print listing at **\$85.99** is dramatically lower than the sampled used market at **\$184.56**, lower than the new market at **\$282.52**, and not wildly above 180-day digital at **\$58.99**. So this is a split case: rental is best for the cheapest semester-bound path, while print is the strongest ownership route if you expect to revisit ethical frameworks and applied cases later.

## Price comparison

Store	Format	Condition	Price	Link
<b>Merybook</b>	Paperback	New	<b>\$85.99</b>	<a href="#">Check price</a>
MindTap / eTextbook	Digital	180 days	\$58.99	<a href="#">Check digital option</a>
eCampus	Quarter rental	Rental	\$40.46	<a href="#">Check rental option</a>
eCampus	Paperback	Used	\$184.56	<a href="#">Check used market</a>
eCampus	Paperback	New	\$282.52	<a href="#">Check new market</a>

## **What this price means in practice**

This is not a case where the current print listing is bad value. It is actually a strong ownership route inside the clean print market. The issue is simply that rental is much cheaper for short-term use. That means the decision depends on whether you think ethics is a one-course obligation or a book you may still want when professional judgment starts to matter more.

I would not recommend paying used-market prices here, because the current new print route is already better. The real choice is rental for one term or new print for longer reuse.

## **What this book actually teaches**

*Ethics: Theory and Contemporary Issues* works by bringing abstract ethical frameworks into contact with real disputes. A serious book in this space helps students compare positions, understand the structure of moral argument, and see how theory changes the way contemporary issues are evaluated. That is what gives it durability beyond a single class.

Students in applied fields often underestimate that durability at first. Later, though, ethical reasoning returns in policy, professional conflict, patient care, organizational decisions, and public debate. A book that already contains your own notes on consequentialism, deontology, rights, justice, and case analysis can become much more useful than a one-semester rental ever will.

## **Who should rent, and who should buy print**

Rent if your only goal is minimizing cost for one term. That is the clean short-term answer.

Buy print if you expect the book to matter again in health care, business, law, policy, or any professional field where ethical reasoning keeps returning. In that case, the current print listing is strong enough to justify ownership.

## **Sources checked**

Sources checked: Merybook listing search for ISBN 9780357798539, MindTap/eText pricing, and eCampus new, used, and rental pricing. Pricing reviewed April 19, 2026.