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I would lean toward rental or used for the lowest-cost access. I would only lean toward the current new paperback if you want a keepable personal-finance book and are comfortable paying more for that cleaner ownership route.

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