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If you only need the buying answer: the current hardcover listing is the strongest clean route in this snapshot. It is dramatically below the sampled Thieme, Books-A-Million, VitalSource, and Biblio comparators. For a procedural hand-surgery reference, that makes ownership the obvious value route rather than a premium choice.

## Current price comparison

Format	Source	Price	Link
Hardcover	Merybook	\$161.91	<a href="#">Check price</a>
Hardcover	Thieme	\$268.00	<a href="#">Check price</a>
Hardcover	Books-A-Million	\$268.00	<a href="#">Check price</a>
eTextbook (Lifetime access)	VitalSource	\$249.99	<a href="#">Check price</a>
Hardcover	Biblio	\$291.14	<a href="#">Check price</a>

## What this book actually teaches

*Hand Surgery* is a procedural and decision-oriented specialist reference about anatomy, operative technique, reconstruction, complications, and clinical judgment across hand surgery. The educational value is not in passive reading. Books like this help the reader think through operative planning, technical sequence, and problem-solving at moments when details matter.

That gives the book real long-term value for residents, fellows, and early-career surgeons. A hand-surgery reference is rarely something a reader uses once. It tends to be revisited around cases, technique review, complication thinking, and training transitions.

## Why the hardcover is worth owning

In this snapshot, the current hardcover is not just competitive. It is materially below every other clean comparator sampled, including the lifetime eTextbook. That means the usual digital-versus-print tradeoff is barely a tradeoff at all here. The keepable copy is also the best clean value.

I would lean strongly toward the hardcover for surgical trainees and specialists who expect to return to operative content more than once. The only reason to avoid ownership would be if you already have dependable institutional access and know a personal copy would sit unused, which is uncommon for a true procedural reference.

## Sources checked

- [Thieme market check](#)
- [Books-A-Million market check](#)
- [VitalSource market check](#)
- [Biblio market check](#)