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### Key Decision Summary

- **Edition Fit:** ISBN 9780190636111 matches the second hardcover edition of *Handbook of Brain Microcircuits*.
- **Best Clean Route in Snapshot:** The current hardcover listing is the strongest clean route reviewed here.
- **Reference Logic:** For a systems-neuroscience handbook meant for repeated consultation, ownership has a strong case.
- **Price Snapshot Date:** April 15, 2026

## If you only need the buying answer

The current hardcover listing at **\$81.23** is far below the sampled Matthews Book Company hardcover price of **\$235.00**. Among the clean comparators reviewed here, the current route is the strongest value path. For a specialist neuroscience handbook, that makes ownership much easier to justify.

Store	Format	Condition	Price	Link
<b>Merybook</b>	Hardcover	New	<b>\$81.23</b>	<a href="#">Check listing</a>
Matthews Book Company	Hardcover	New	\$235.00	<a href="#">Check price</a>

Systems-neuroscience handbooks are not one-pass books. They are used as maps for pathways, nuclei, cortical systems, and network questions. That kind of return use is exactly what makes durable ownership relevant and why this price should be judged as a reference-book decision rather than as a typical semester-text decision.

## What this book actually teaches

*Handbook of Brain Microcircuits* brings together pathways, structures, and circuits in a form designed for repeated consultation. Its value is in helping readers reconnect specific neural systems with broader functional questions rather than in moving through a linear argument once.

That is why the current hardcover route has such a strong case. For the likely audience, the book's usefulness depends on being able to return to it repeatedly, and the current listing is already favorable among the clean comparators reviewed.

## When hardcover is worth keeping

For a handbook like this, ownership is the natural choice when the price is already that favorable. The real question is not whether to keep it, but whether you need the subject deeply enough to buy it.

## Sources checked

- Oxford University Press product page for *Handbook of Brain Microcircuits*: [oup.com](https://oup.com)
- Current market pricing reviewed on April 15, 2026.