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Current price comparison

Format	Source	Price	Link
Hardcover	Merybook	\$112.97	Check price
Hardcover	Walmart	\$126.59	Check price
Hardcover	Barnes & Noble	\$145.00	Check price
Hardcover	Bookshop.org	\$166.75	Check price

What this book actually teaches

Land and Trade in Early Islam is a scholarly history of economic life, landholding, exchange, and institutional structures in the early Islamic world. The book matters because it helps readers think through how economy, administration, regional variation, and political change interact, rather than treating early Islamic trade as a simple list of routes or commodities.

This kind of volume usually has a long life beyond one seminar. Readers in Islamic history, medieval history, economic history, and archaeology often return to books like this when building comparative arguments, revisiting source problems, or framing dissertation and article work.

Why the hardcover makes sense here

Among the clean print comparators sampled, the current hardcover is already the low point. That matters because ownership is often the natural fit for a specialized history reference, and here the price is not fighting against that pattern. You are not paying a premium to keep the book relative to the other sampled print routes.

I would lean toward the hardcover for historians of the Islamic world, graduate readers, and researchers who expect to return to early Islamic economic history after the first reading. I would only hesitate if your use is extremely narrow and a library copy already covers the need.

Sources checked

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