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Case-based ethics books matter differently from standard content texts. Students return to them not because they forgot a definition, but because the cases keep raising difficult questions about judgment, autonomy, responsibility, and institutional power. That makes the decision around ISBN 9781266905230 more substantial than a routine search for the cheapest short-term path.

## If you only need the buying answer

The current new print listing is **\$76.11**, which is almost identical to quarter rental at **\$75.00**, and far below short-term rental at **\$93.75**, digital at **\$110.94**, used print at **\$159.67**, and semester rental at **\$137.59**. That makes this a strong print case. If you need the book, buying the current print copy makes more sense than renting or going digital.

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

This is one of those cases where print is not just defensible, but economically strong. Once the current print listing is essentially tied with the cheapest rental and below every other visible route, ownership becomes the cleaner decision for almost anyone who actually needs the book.

That matters because ethics casebooks often gain value when students begin rethinking them later in health care, bioethics, nursing, or pre-med contexts.

## **What this book actually teaches**

*Medical Ethics: Accounts of Ground-Breaking Cases* teaches through cases that continue to matter because they force readers to confront enduring tensions in medicine: autonomy, consent, paternalism, justice, institutional power, and professional obligation. The educational value comes not only from what happened in the cases, but from how they train judgment.

That is why these books often stay useful. Students and practitioners return to them when real-world decisions begin to feel less hypothetical.

## **Who should buy print**

Buy print if you need the book. In the visible market, it is effectively the strongest clean route and is nearly tied with the cheapest rental.

I would only skip it if the course does not require it at all. On price, print wins here.

## **Sources checked**

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