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Econometrics books often create a familiar hesitation: students know they need the text for the class in front of them, but they are less certain whether it will matter once the semester ends. In practice, quantitative methods texts often become more useful later, when model interpretation, regression logic, and policy inference return in capstones or independent research. For ISBN 9780190859497, the real decision is whether you need short-term digital access or a copy worth keeping.

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That is useful because econometrics books are often the sort of texts students reopen when later research gets harder. A retained copy can therefore be more useful than a timed access license even before you account for price.

What this book actually teaches

Real Stats: Using Econometrics for Political Science and Public Policy is about applying quantitative reasoning to political and policy questions, not just running formulas mechanically. A good book in this area helps students understand model logic, assumptions, interpretation, and how evidence is turned into arguments about public life.

That is exactly why methods books often survive beyond the course that assigns them. Students return when they need help reading results tables, thinking through model choices, or explaining what a coefficient actually means in policy terms.

Who should buy print

Buy print if you need the book. In the visible market, it is already the strongest clean option.

I would only skip it if the course does not require it. On price alone, current print beats digital, rental, and the broader print market.

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