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If you only need the buying answer, the 180-day digital option is still the cheapest route, but the current Merybook print listing is the strongest ownership value in the clean market. It is lower than the sampled used market and lower than the long-term digital path, so print still makes good sense if you expect to revisit steel design later.

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What this book actually teaches

Structural Steel Design matters because steel design is not learned in one pass. Students keep returning to member behavior, code checks, connection logic, and design assumptions as problems get more realistic. A good steel-design text helps readers move from formulas on paper to disciplined engineering judgment.

That is why format matters here. The book is often used while solving, checking, and re-checking, not just reading. It stays useful in later structures courses, capstone design, and even early practice review, which is exactly why an ownable print copy has

real value.

Who should buy print and who should not

Buy print if you are in civil or structural engineering and expect steel design logic to return later. The current print listing is the stronger ownership route in this market.

Choose the 180-day digital route only if your goal is simply to get through one course at the lowest immediate cost. That is still the cheaper short-term answer.

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