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If you only need the buying answer: the current hardcover listing is the strongest clean route in this snapshot by a large margin. It is far below the sampled Walmart hardcover and far below the sampled lifetime eTextbook. For a specialized operative reference, that makes ownership the obvious value route.

Current price comparison

Format	Source	Price	Link
Hardcover	Merybook	\$150.45	Check price
Hardcover	Walmart	\$287.63	Check price
eTextbook (Lifetime access)	VitalSource	\$274.99	Check price

What this book actually teaches

The Art of Body Contouring: After Massive Weight Loss is a procedural and planning-focused surgical reference about deformity patterns, operative sequencing, patient selection, technical strategy, and complication management after massive weight loss. Its value lies in showing how contouring cases are actually approached and staged rather than offering only broad aesthetic principles.

This kind of book behaves like a real operative reference. Readers return to it around case planning, revision thinking, and technique review, especially when the work becomes more complex than a standard summary text can comfortably support.

Why the hardcover is the stronger choice

Here the financial and educational logic point the same way. The current hardcover is materially below the sampled clean comparators, including the lifetime digital option. When the keepable surgical reference is also the low-priced route, ownership becomes very easy to defend.

I would lean strongly toward the hardcover for plastic-surgery fellows, aesthetic surgeons, and readers who expect to revisit body-contouring technique beyond a short reading window. The main reason to skip ownership would be dependable institutional access plus a genuine lack of long-term reuse, which is uncommon for this kind of operative title.

Sources checked

- [Walmart market check](#)
- [VitalSource market check](#)
- [Thieme search](#)