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Key Decision Summary

- **Edition Fit:** ISBN 9780357453025 matches the fourth edition of *The Law of Contracts and the Uniform Commercial Code*.
- **Best Short-Term Value:** The 180-day eTextbook is still the cheapest clean route.
- **Best Ownership Value:** The current print listing is below both sampled print comparators and still well under major new-print alternatives.
- **Reuse Logic:** Ownership makes the most sense if contracts and UCC doctrine will return in later paralegal or legal-study work.
- **Price Snapshot Date:** April 15, 2026

If you only need the buying answer

If you only need the text for one contracts course, the 180-day eTextbook at **\$54.99** is the cheapest route. If you want a print copy to keep, the current listing at **\$74.85** is still a strong ownership value because it is lower than the sampled used print comparator and far below the larger new-print alternatives.

Store	Format	Condition	Price	Link
Merybook	Print	New	\$74.85	Check listing
BiggerBooks	eTextbook	180-day access	\$54.99	Check price
Walmart	Print	Pre-owned	\$83.33	Check price
Walmart	Print	New	\$119.93	Check price

Contracts books gain value through repetition. Readers return to the same doctrines, examples, and statutory distinctions again and again as the course becomes more complex. Later legal classes also tend to assume that the contracts framework is already available. That is what gives print a stronger case than the price gap alone might suggest.

What this book actually teaches

The Law of Contracts and the Uniform Commercial Code is about more than basic contract terminology. It helps readers work through formation, enforceability, breach, remedies, and the distinct role of the UCC in commercial transactions. The book's value is in showing how doctrine and examples build into a usable legal framework.

For paralegal students, that framework often remains relevant after the course. Later legal writing, business-law, or commercial-law work may assume these ideas are already in place, which is why a keepable print copy can make sense for the right reader.

When print is worth keeping

If the goal is lowest short-term cost, the eTextbook wins. If you expect contracts and UCC material to return later, the print copy is still attractive because it is cheaper than the sampled used comparator and far below major new-print alternatives.

Sources checked

- Cengage product page for *The Law of Contracts and the Uniform Commercial Code*, 4th edition: [cengage.com](https://www.cengage.com)
- Current market pricing reviewed on April 15, 2026.