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If you only need the buying answer, rental is still the cheaper short-term route, but the current Merybook print listing is strong enough to matter because it stays well below the sampled new-print market. Print makes the most sense if you expect to reuse the book as a training or field reference beyond one course window.

## Current price comparison

Format / Seller	Price	Link
Print from Merybook	\$68.98	<a href="#">Check price</a>
eCampus new print	\$102.85	<a href="#">Check price</a>
eCampus semester rental	\$51.48	<a href="#">Check price</a>
eCampus quarter rental	\$46.33	<a href="#">Check price</a>

The market signal here is honest and easy to read. If you want the cheapest temporary route, rental wins. But if you are comparing ownership options, the current Merybook print copy is much better than the sampled new-print market. That makes the real decision about time horizon rather than about whether print is overpriced.

## What this book actually teaches

*Wildland Firefighter: Principles and Practice* is practical by design. It is not just introducing terminology. It is trying to teach students how fuels, topography, weather, tactics, safety, and field judgment fit together in operational thinking. That makes it different from a book that can be skimmed once and discarded.

In wildland-fire training, the same chapter often means more after a scenario, a drill, or field experience than it did on the first read. That is why students often reuse material on fire behavior, suppression, operational roles, and safety long after the course ends. A print copy supports that pattern well, especially in a field where quick reference and physical durability still matter.

## **Who should buy print and who should not**

Buy print if you expect to keep working in wildland operations, fire behavior, suppression, or incident-response training. At the current verified prices, ownership is reasonable and much better than paying full new-print market rates elsewhere.

Do not buy print if this is just a short course and you are focused only on immediate cost. The rental routes are cheaper for a narrow one-term use.

## **Sources checked**

- Merybook product listing for ISBN 9781284280869
- eCampus new-print and rental market snapshots
- Pricing reviewed on April 19, 2026