

Book Buyback F.A.Q.

Answers to Questions You May Have About Buyback

As a student, you may have questions about the book buyback process. Unfortunately, the very nature of the process, which requires us to serve many students quickly, makes it almost impossible for all your questions to be answered when you sell your books. This will explain the role of the bookstore and the wholesaler in supplying you with lower-priced textbooks.

WHICH BOOKS MAY I SELL?

You may sell any book owned by you that:

- Is needed again on your campus
- Has value in the national wholesale buyers' guide

(A book/database which lists thousands of college textbook titles and their current national wholesale value.)

WHAT DETERMINES THE VALUE OF A BOOK, ANYWAY?

If it is being purchased by the bookstore for use again on your campus, you can typically expect half of the purchase price. If the book is not being used again on your campus, it has no value to your bookstore.

Fortunately, your bookstore has arranged to offer national wholesale market prices on your campus. The price offered in the national wholesale buying guide is determined by several factors, including:

- Publisher's retail or list price for the book
- National demand for the book
- Unsold quantity of the book already in the wholesaler's stock

BUT I KNOW THE BOOK IS BEING USED AGAIN, WHY DID I ONLY GET THE WHOLESALE PRICE FOR THE BOOK?

For one of the following reasons:

- The bookstore has not received a requisition from the faculty member
- The bookstore has already obtained the quantity required

I BOUGHT THE BOOK BRAND NEW AND HAVE KEPT IT IN MINT CONDITION. WHY IS IT NOW BEING CALLED "NO VALUE"?

Although poor condition could be a factor in determining value, your new book is probably a victim of one of the following:

- The publisher has produced or announced plans for a new edition.
- Many copies of the book exist, but few schools are using it
- The wholesaler is overstocked

WHEN DOES IT MAKE SENSE TO KEEP MY BOOK VERSUS SELLING IT?

Any time you have a costly reference book you will need in the future, you may want to hold on to that book. Or if you feel the price you are being offered is less than the value you place on the book, you should keep it. Either way, we appreciate the chance to make an offer for your books.

WHAT HAPPENS TO WHOLESALE BOOKS?

They are packed and shipped to the wholesaler's distribution center. There they are processed and placed in their computerized inventory, available for purchase by bookstores nationwide.

HOW DOES THIS BENEFIT ME?

By selling your used textbooks to your bookstore and a national wholesaler, you are participating in a process which makes quality used books available to you and future students at colleges all over the nation. Used textbooks represent one of the few opportunities to save as you pursue your higher education.

ARE THERE ANY OTHER ADVANTAGES?

When you sell your books to your bookstore or wholesaler, you are recycling. Selling back your books involves you, the bookstore, and the wholesaler in a process that has great value for the ecology, your economy, and your education.

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