

Best Place to Sell Textbooks

Selling back textbooks can be a great way to recoup some of the costs of the outrageous prices of textbooks. Unfortunately school bookstores usually only offer a fraction of the original purchase price, and in turn sell it again for a nice profit at the expense of students. With May being the biggest month for textbook buyback, now would be a good time to publish the results from our study that compared online textbook sellers. While this study mostly covered where to buy the cheapest textbooks online, we also looked at other items of interest, such as: which site offered the highest buyback price.

In the study, we named Textbooksrus.com the best place to Sell Textbooks. Students should definitely check out this service and get a quote on their books, as more than likely it will be a better price than the College Book Store can offer.

Here are the results from our study, looking at buyback prices. What is nice is that there are online textbook sellers that offer a guaranteed buyback on most books, giving you piece of mind that you won't be stuck with the book at the end of the quarter.

For reference, the textbooks used in this study are:

TitleISBN

Book A Biology 0073227390
 Book B Contemporary Business 0324359292
 Book C Essentials of Psychology 0618713123
 Book D Intermediate Accounting 0471749559

More on the original textbook prices study can be found [here](#).

Results

Here are the best places to Sell your Textbooks:

Textbook Retailer

Book A
 Book B
 Book C
 Book D
 Total

1. TextbooksRus	\$64.46	\$53.75	\$34.80	\$61.94	\$214.95
2. Textbooks.com	\$63.75	\$51.60	\$35.10	\$46.00	\$196.45
3. Barnes & Noble	\$63.75	\$51.60	\$35.10	\$46.00	\$196.45
4. WeBuyTextbooks.com	\$58.58	\$54.77	\$8.65	\$73.82	\$195.82
5. Valore Books	\$53.55	\$48.30	\$30.45	\$61.95	\$194.25
6. eTextshop	\$61.46	\$51.21	\$20.49	\$59.05	\$192.21
7. BookByte	\$54.78	\$43.92	\$30.13	\$56.84	\$185.67
8. BooksValue	\$53.76	\$42.96	\$29.76	\$58.56	\$185.04

- 9. CollegeBooksDirect \$58.50 \$49.50\$33.50 \$43.50 \$185.00
- 10. TextbookBuyer.com \$50.41 \$40.33 \$28.01 \$54.89 \$173.64
- 11. eCampus\$51.00 \$43.00 \$29.00 \$50.00 \$173.00
- 12. TextbooksNow.com\$45.00 \$36.00 \$25.00 \$49.00 \$155.00

Of course the price of both buying and selling textbooks can vary daily, in association with supply and demand. These prices are updated as of April 22, 2008.

Please note that when selling back your textbooks you are expected to keep the book in good condition and have all CDs that were included with the book, or you may not get your full price.

Another good site to check out is WeBuyTextbooks.com. Although they weren't buying back all of the textbooks used in this study, they still offered a textbook buyback that was higher than average. Just remember all textbooks will be different per vendor. To maximize your return check out a few of the top textbook sellers and see what they have to offer.