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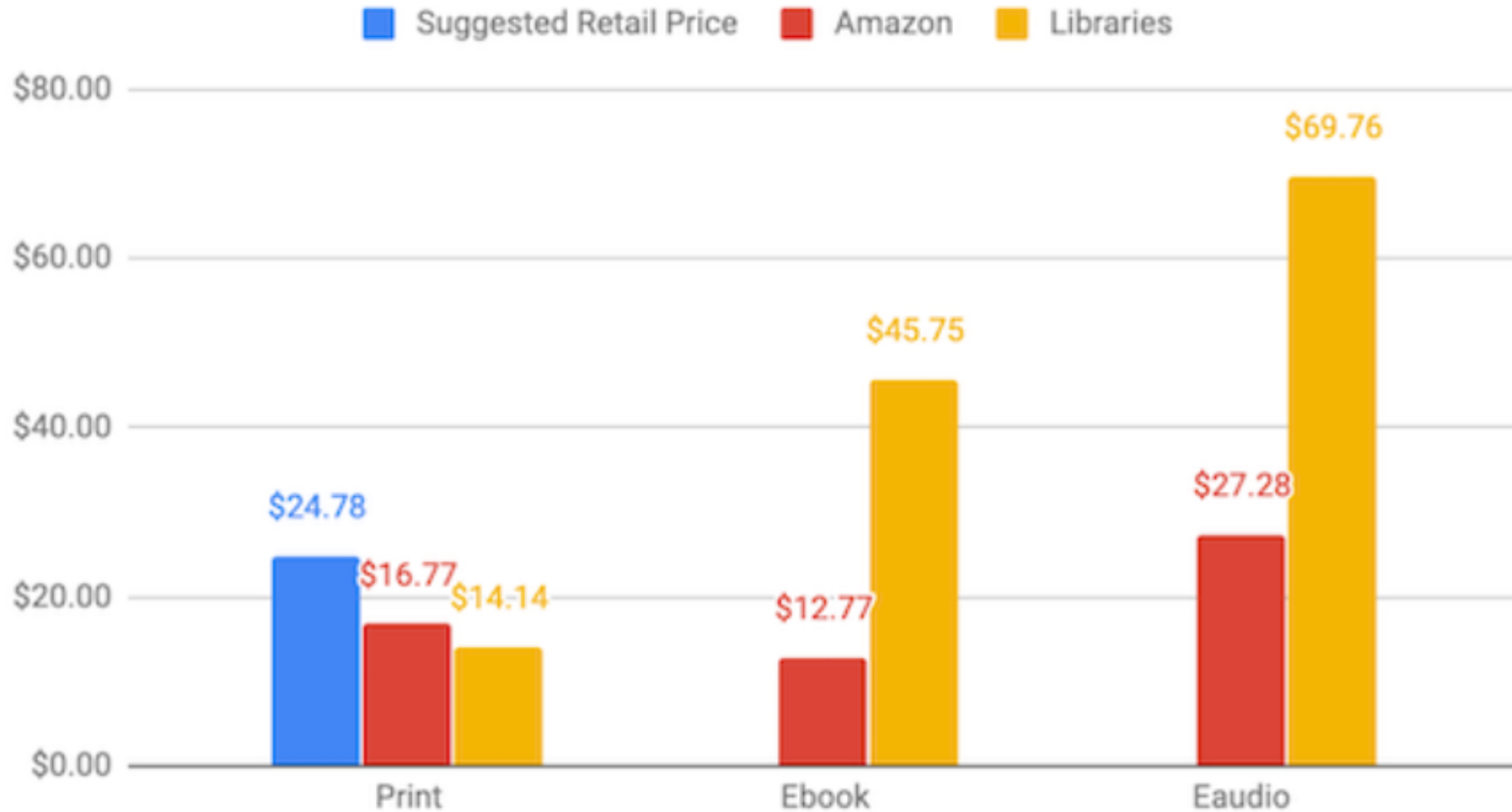
eBook & Audiobook Pricing

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Average Book Prices



Source: "Hold On, eBooks Cost HOW Much? The Inconvenient Truth About Library eCollections" blog post by Jennie Rothschild, collection development librarian. Sep 6, 2020

Book Lovers by Emily Henry

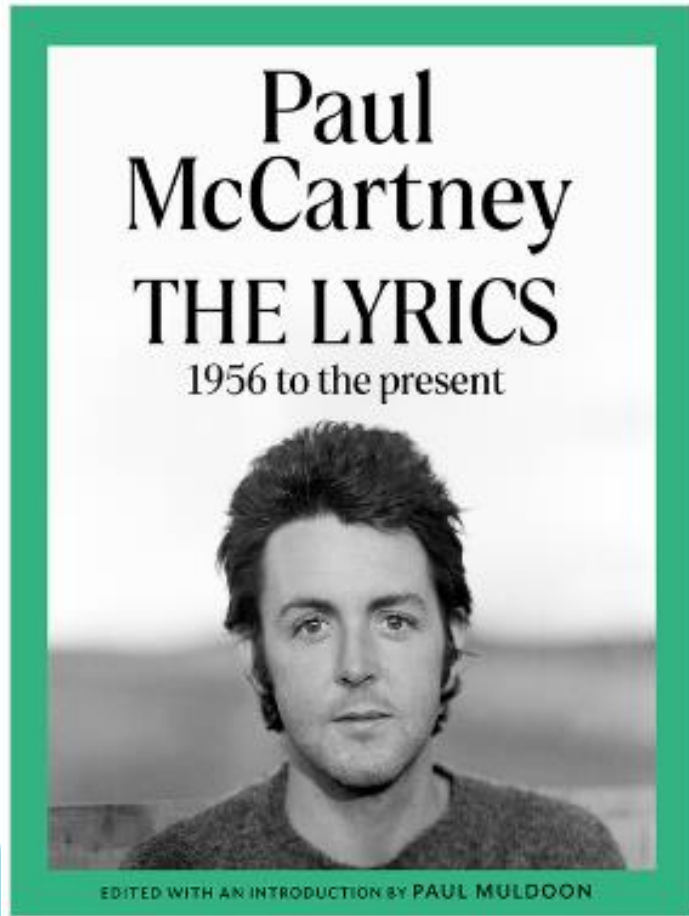


- Kindle price: \$9.99
- eBook price: \$55.00
- **Difference: \$45.01**

- Terms: 24 months
- Publisher: Penguin / Berkley

- Hardcover List price: \$27.00
- Ingram price: \$13.99

The Lyrics by Paul McCartney

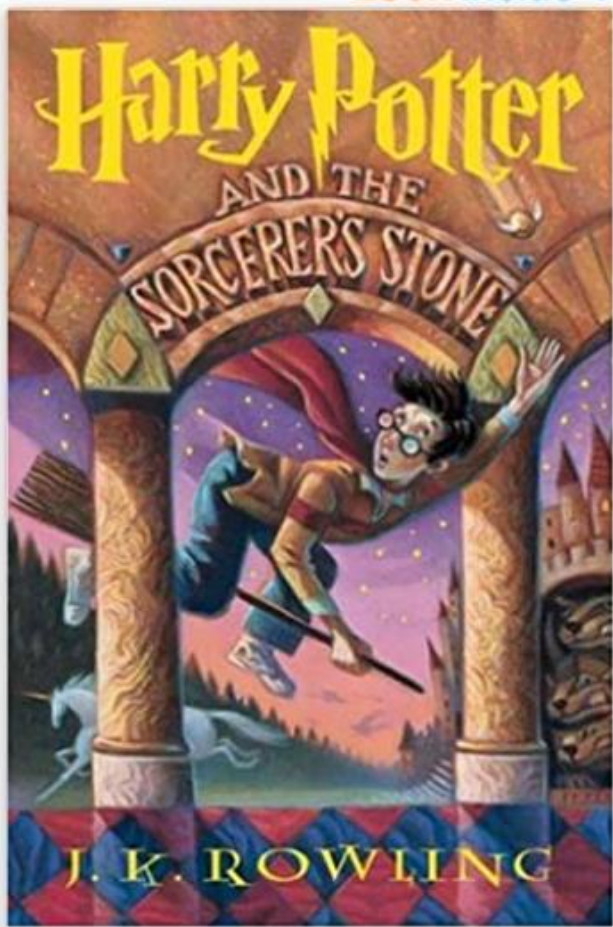


- Kindle price: \$52.44
- eBook price: \$200.00
- **Difference: \$147.56**

- Terms: 52 checkouts or 24 months
- Publisher: Norton / Liveright

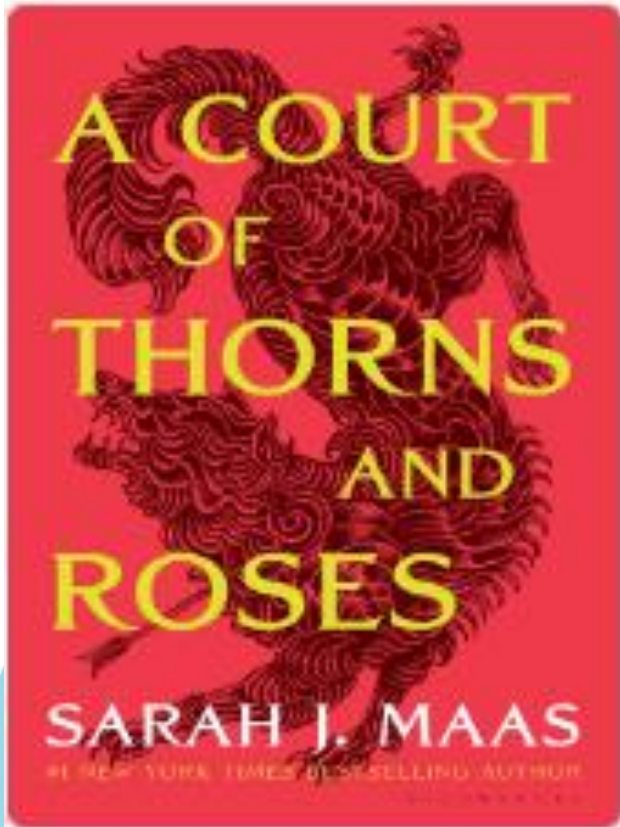
- Hardcover List price: \$100.00
- Ingram price: \$51.80

Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone by J.K. Rowling



- Kindle price: \$9.99
- eBook price: \$25.00
- **Difference: \$15.01**
- Terms: 52 checkouts or 24 months
- Publisher: Scholastic / Pottermore
- Hardcover List price: \$26.99
- Ingram price: \$13.98

A Court of Thorns and Roses by Sarah J. Maas

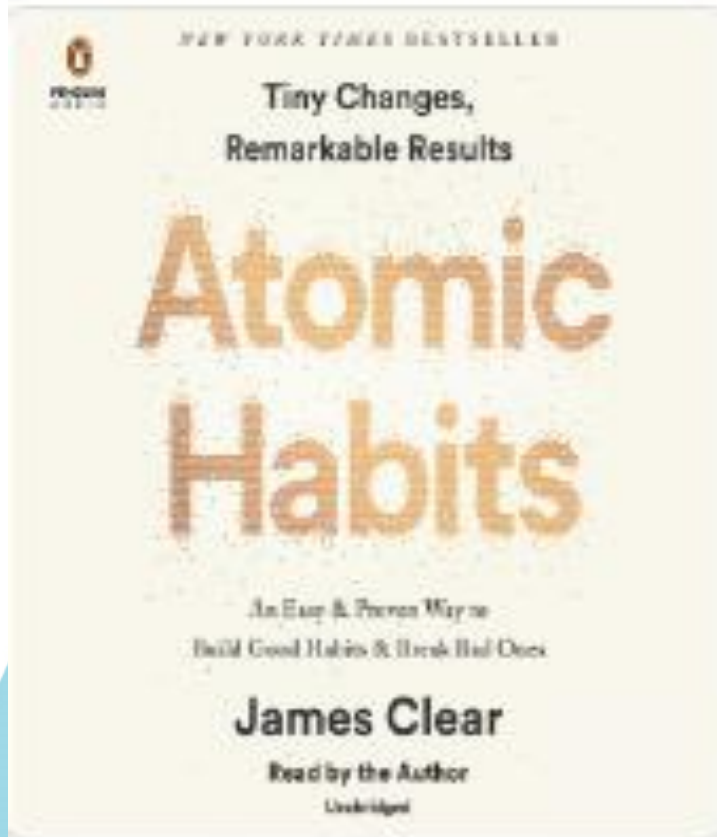


- Kindle price: \$6.65
- eBook price: \$49.00
- **Difference: \$42.35**

- Terms: One copy / One user
- Publisher: Bloomsbury

- Hardcover List price: \$28.00
- Ingram price: \$14.50

Atomic Habits by James Clear

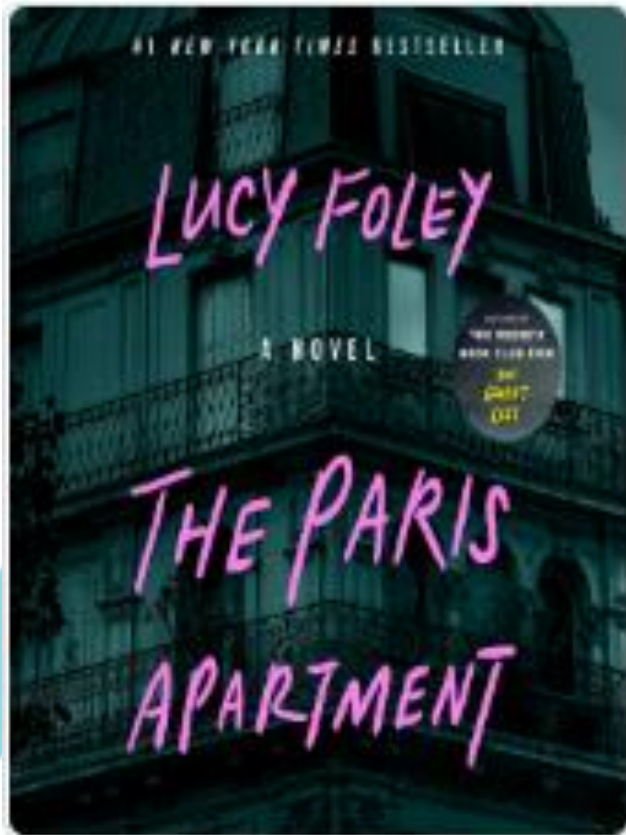


- Audible price: \$28.00
- eAudiobook price: \$57.00
- **Difference: \$29.00**

- Terms: One copy / One user
- Publisher: Books on Tape

- Audio CD List price: \$14.99
- Ingram price: \$8.24

The Paris Apartment by Lucy Foley



- Audible price: \$31.93
- eAudiobook price: \$72.07
- **Difference: \$40.14**

- Terms: One copy / One user
- Publisher: HarperCollins

- Not available in Audio CD format

Impact on APL Collection & Customers

- Print hold ratio is 4:1
- OverDrive hold ratio is 5:1
- Generous with new titles and customer suggestions
- Ruthless with weeding: “popularity contest”
- Over time, collection lacks breadth and depth

Sources and Further Reading

- [eBooks: Inside the Industry](#) (Fairfax County (VA) Public Library)
- [Hold On, eBooks Cost HOW Much? The Inconvenient Truth About Library eCollections](#) (Blog post: content warning)
- [The Surprisingly Big Business of Library E-books](#) (New Yorker)
- [In Final Order, Court Declares Maryland's Library E-book Law Unconstitutional](#) (Publishers Weekly)
- [Publishers Worry as Ebooks Fly off Libraries' Virtual Shelves](#) (Wired)
- [Update: Authors Guild Statement on AAP's Win in Maryland E-book Licensing Case](#) (The Authors Guild)

Q&A

