

Some Questions and Answers About Selling Merchandise to Half Price Books

How does the buy process work?

We buy all types of printed and recorded merchandise. No appointment is needed—we buy any time we're open.

1. **Bring us your merchandise.** Our buyers will help you get the merchandise out of your vehicle and bring it to the buy area.
2. **The buyer will ask you to present a valid form of government-issued photo identification.** Sellers under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.
3. **The buyer evaluates your merchandise while you wait in the store.** Using resources, plus knowledge of our inventory and the items' salability, buyers consider condition, and supply and demand. In some cases, we may ask to see valid proof of purchase for the items.
4. **The buyer then makes you a cash offer.** Our offers are for everything you bring in—you don't have to take anything back.
5. **The seller receives a receipt to sign and present to our cashier for a cash payment.** You may use the cash you receive wherever you like.

Can you tell me what you'll give me for a certain book?

We need to actually see a book or CD, LP, or movie, before we can make an offer on it. We can usually let you know in general terms how interested we are in a type of book or music or movie; we can tell you whether or not we see it come in often, whether or not it's out-of-date, or whether or not it may have some collectible value.

What kinds of merchandise do you like to see?

We pay the most for recent bestsellers and collectibles, but we also like the solid, perennial classics in every field, from fiction to kids' books to music to movies. Generally, the more specific the topic of a non-fiction book the better, and the more advanced a science or technical book the better.

What kinds of items are you less interested in seeing?

The kinds of items we tend not to be able to pay as much for include: former bestsellers; subjects that date poorly (textbooks, reference books, humor, test books, political science); VHS tapes; cassettes; non-current magazines; book club editions; marked or slightly damaged items. Items we have trouble selling may end up being donated or sold in bulk.

What about the stuff you don't want?

Again, our offers are for everything you bring in—we try to sell every item. Those items that don't sell on our shelves may be sold in bulk, donated, or recycled. Last year, Half Price Books donated hundreds of thousands to non-profit organizations around the world.