

School books for college

Okay, before you head to the bookstore, have you been to the bank and been approved for a loan? Buying books can be like purchasing a major home appliance. I was shocked to find that one French book was \$175.00. Wow. That is a week's worth of groceries at my house, or a new pair of shoes for every member in my family. Once the sticker shock has worn off, here are some ideas to help you find the best deals.

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