

EIBF Book Pricing Series



SWEDEN

Is there a fixed book price?

YES

How is the price fixed?

BY LAW

BY TRADE AGREEMENT

NO

Is there a recommended sales price?

YES

No, except for paperbacks

Are discounts allowed?

YES

NO

Sweden has had a free book price since 1970

The price of a book used to be determined by its production costs (i.e., a thin book would be cheaper than a thick one). Now the price is based on market value, i.e. bestsellers cost more than emerging authors

Only paperbacks have a recommended sales price, often according to an alphabetical price scale from C to M, printed on the back of the book, where C is the cheapest and M the most expensive.

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