

PICK OF THE WEEK



The Movie

Mad Max: Beyond Thunderdome
On HBO Sunday, 12th January, at 9:30 pm
The lone avenger is back for his third outing. Max (Gibson) is still on his eternal journey in the post-apocalyptic outback. He's robbed and makes his way to Thunderdome, a city, which has retained some technology but no civilization. Soon, he's embroiled in a power struggle where he's forced to fight for Aunt Entity (Turner).



The Sport

Australia VB Series 7th ODI
Hobart, Australia
On Star Sports January 11 at 4:58 a.m.
Australia vs England



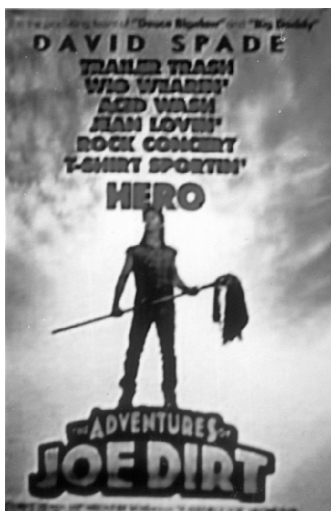
Our Choice

Bad Moon
Star Movies, January 12, at 10:45 pm
One man's struggle to contain the curse he hides within... and his last-ditch attempt to free himself with the love of family. But when it looks as if he is losing his battle, and endangering all he holds most dear, the family dog, Thor, is the last hope for his family's survival... and the end to his Werewolf curse.

Satellite TV



Band of Brothers EP: 05
On HBO Thursday, 16th January at 10:00 PM
Winters leads a risky mission on a Dutch dike, resulting in a resounding victory, for which he is promoted to Battalion Executive Officer. Dissatisfied with his new, largely administrative job, Winters is concerned about the leadership of the 3 companies he now commands. After a weekend pass to Paris, news arrives of a massive Axis effort in the Ardennes Forest, threatening to break the Allied lines. Easy Co. races in to hold the line, ill-equipped for the bitterly cold weather and the entrenched battle ahead.



Joe Dirt
On HBO Monday 13th, January at 10:00 pm
Spade is Joe Dirt, a typical white trash redneck who was deserted as a kid. Now all grown up and employed as a janitor at a radio station, he bemuses talk show host, Zander Kelly (Miller), into putting him on the air. Zander's aim is to humiliate Joe, but his audience quickly becomes enraptured with Joe's tales of his lifelong search for his parents. In his quest, he encounters several interesting people, including Brandy (Daniel), who falls in love with him.



The Wedding Singer
On HBO Saturday, 11th January at 10:00 pm
Set in the not-too-distant past of 1985, goofball comedian Adam Sandler is Robbie Hart, an aspiring singer-songwriter who pays the bills by playing at wedding banquets. After being abandoned at the altar by his sweetheart (Angela Featherstone), Robbie becomes extremely jaded to the sacred notion of love and commitment... that is until he meets Julia the waitress (the adorable Barrymore, Charlie's Angels).



Being John Malkovich
Star Movies, January 11, at 9:00 pm
A puppeteer (John Cusack) discovers a door in his office that allows him to enter the mind and life of John Malkovich (John Malkovich) for 15 minutes. The puppeteer then tries to turn the portal into a small business.



Psycho II
Star Movies, January 11, at 10:45 pm
It has been 22 years since Norman Bates was committed for the murders of Marion Crane and Detective Arbogast, as well as his mother. Now, the state of California has declared him sane and he is allowed to return to his creaky old mansion on the hill and his dilapidated motel. He not only gets a girlfriend, but a visitor is waiting for Norman's return, but when the murders occur, is it Norman? Or is it?



Big Momma's House
Star Movies, January 15, at 10:30 pm
FBI agent Malcolm Turner is known best for being a brilliant, master of disguise. Malcolm's latest assignment sends him to small-town Georgia, where he's assigned to trap a brutal bank robber (and a recent prison escapee) who they suspect will be coming down to visit his ex-girlfriend Sherry and her son. Malcolm sets up a stakeout across from the home of a larger-than-life southern matriarch known as Big Momma, who's about to be visited by Sherry. It's a simple plan, but there's one big problem: Unbeknownst to Sherry, Big Momma has unexpectedly left town. So Malcolm, decides to impersonate the cantankerous Southern granny. Using a few tricks of disguise, he completely transforms himself into Big Momma, even taking on the corpulent septuagenarian's everyday routine-from cooking soul food to delivering babies to "testifying" at the local church.

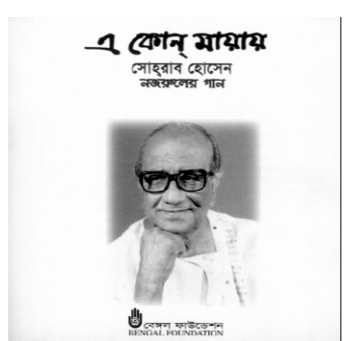


Memory Run
Star Movies, Jan 14/10:00
The year is 2015, and big brother is everywhere. The search for immortality is over. Science has finally achieved the impossible, undermining the most basic aspect of life: that Mind, Body, and Soul must be one. Those who benefit from this new technology will wake up to a new and youthful beginning - the rest of humankind must live a bad dream and wake up to a living nightmare that goes beyond life, beyond death, and beyond redemption.

Audio CD

Nazrulgeeti

On occasion of Nazrul's birth centenary Bengal Foundation has come up with new collections of the immortal songs of our National Poet. Here are three albums featuring both senior and junior generations of Nazrul-singers.



E kon Mayay
Sohrab Hossain



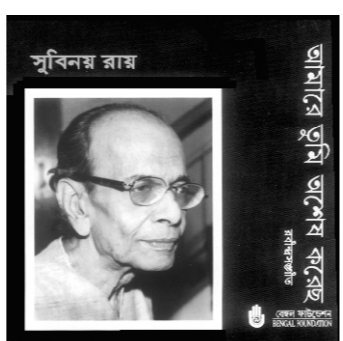
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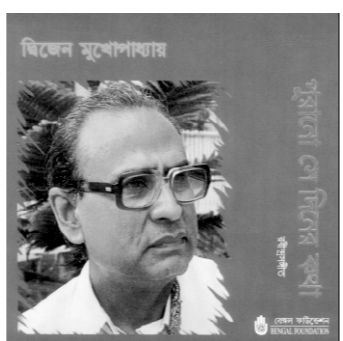
Deep Nibhichhey Jhorey
Masuda Nargis Anam

Rabindra-sangeet

A collection of Rabindra-sangeet sung by master singers of the Sub-continent like Dwijen Mukherjee and Subinoy Ray, and also by a young one, Shama Rahman.



Amarey Tumi Oshesh Korechho
Subinoy Ray

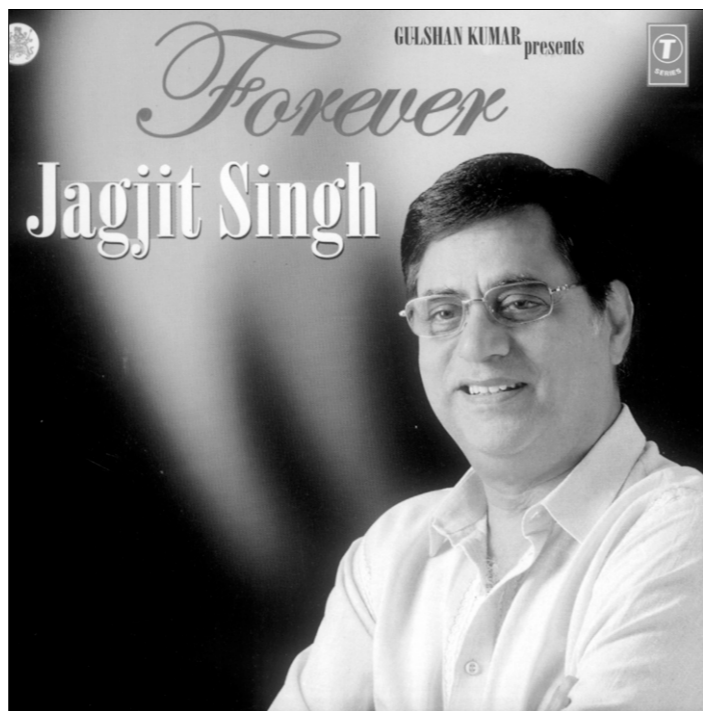


Purano Shey Din-er Kotha
Dwijen Mukherjee



Lukaley Bolei
Shama Rahman

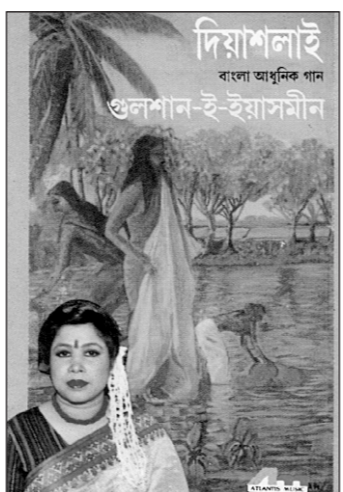
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Forever
Jagjit Singh, Price: Tk. 375.00



Swapan Parer Daak Shunechhi
Gulshan-E-Yasmin
Price: Tk. 75.00

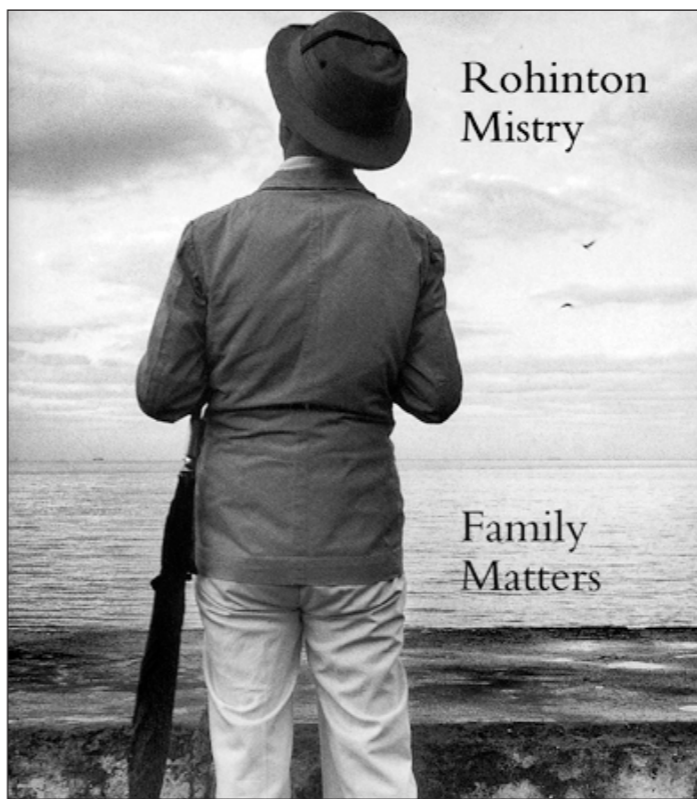


Diasolai
Gulshan-E-Yasmin
Price: Tk. 75.00

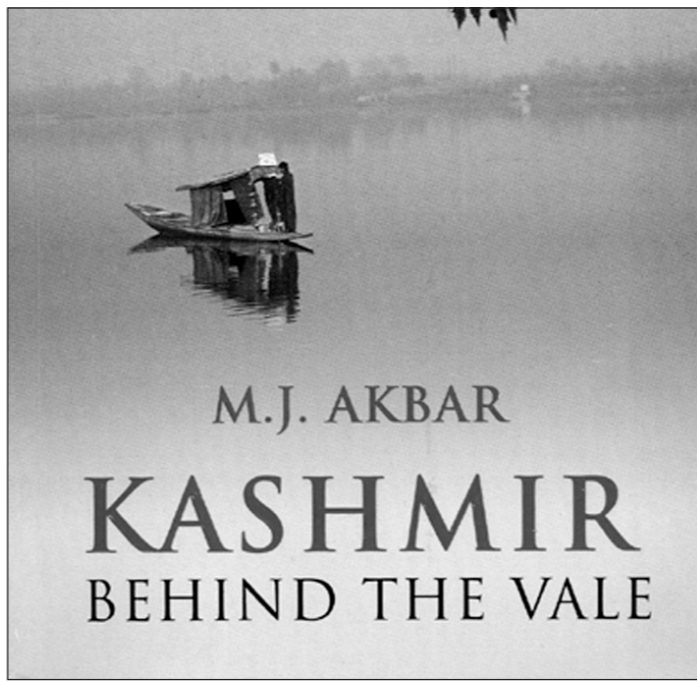
These two albums, released by the 'Atlantis Music' of India, contain songs by a Bangladeshi singer. The first album presents ten poems of Sukanta Bhattacharya transformed into songs. The other contains Rabindra-sangeet.

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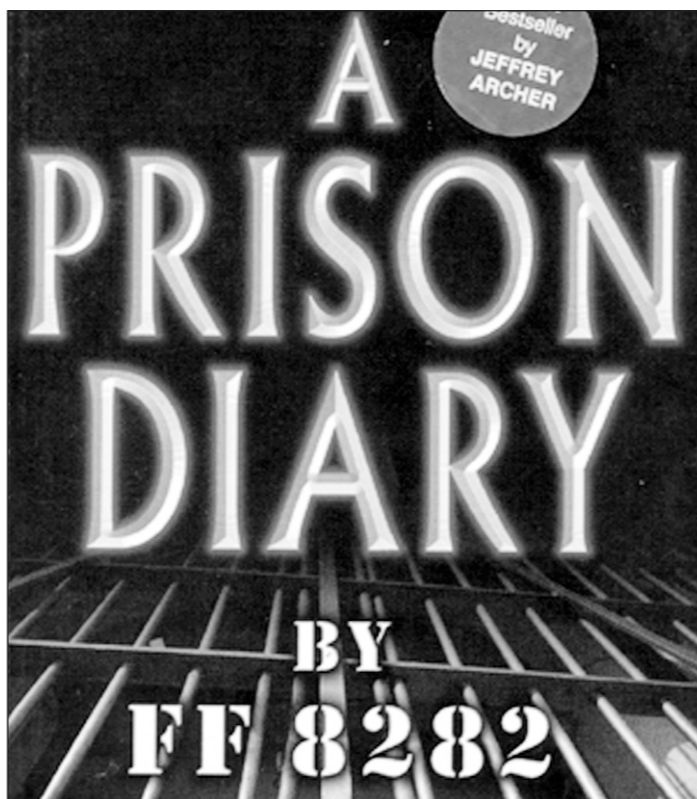
Books



Family Matters
Rohinton Mistry, Price: Tk. 605.00
Nariman Vakeel is a 79-year-old Parsian widower and the patriarch of a small discordant family. Beset by Parkinson's disease and haunted by memories of the past, he lives in a once-elegant apartment with his two middle-aged stepchildren—Coomy, bitter and domineering, and her brother, Jal, mild-mannered and acquiescent. When Nariman's illness is compounded by a broken ankle, Coomy plots to turn his round-the-clock care over to Roxana, her sweet-tempered sister. She succeeds, but not without cost, and eventually Nariman takes up residence with Roxana, her husband, Yezad, and their two young sons. The effect of the new responsibility on Yezad, who is already besieged by financial worries, pushes him into a scheme of deception involving Vikram Kapur, his eccentric, often exasperating employer at Bombay Sporting Goods Emporium. This sets in motion a series of events – a great unraveling and a revelation of the family's love-torn past – that leads to the narrative's final outcome.

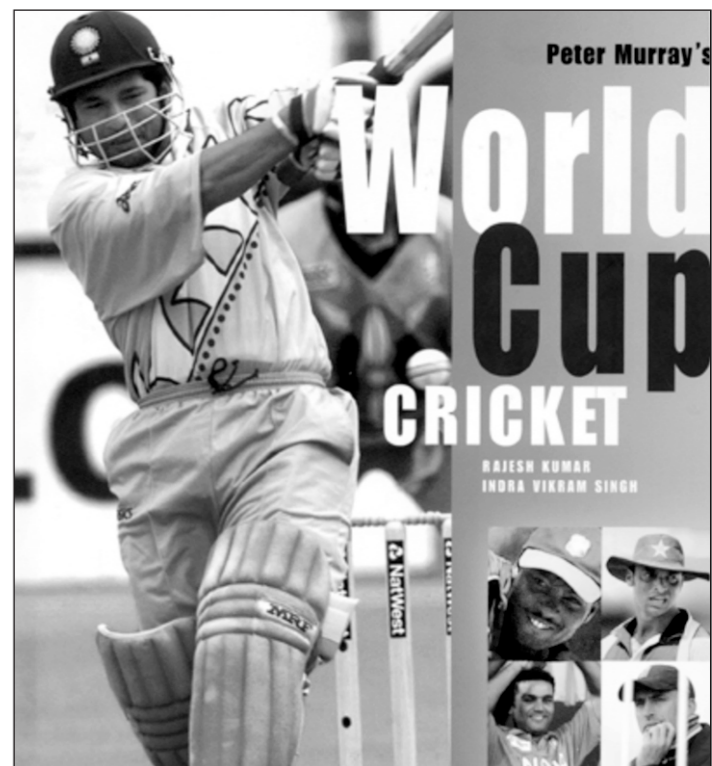


Kashmir: Behind the Vale
M.J. Akbar, Price: Tk. 385.00
Kashmir lies at the edge of India's borders and at the heart of India's consciousness. It is not geography that is the issue, Kashmir also guards the frontiers of ideology. If there was a glow of hope in the deepening shadows of a bitter Partition, then it was Kashmir, whose people consciously rejected the false patriotism of fundamentalism and made common cause with secular India instead of theocratic Pakistan.

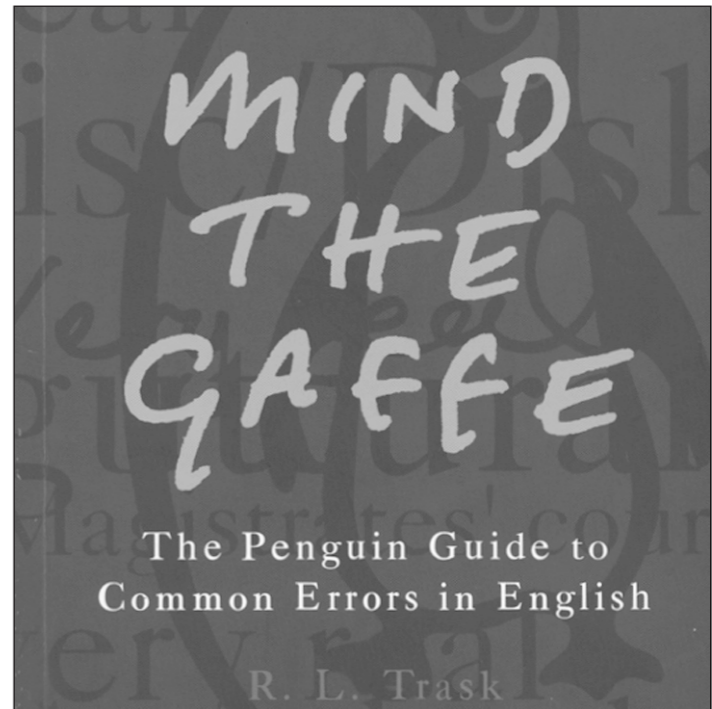


A Prison Diary
Jeffrey Archer, Price: Tk. 299.00
There is a child of seventeen in the cell below me who has been charged with shoplifting—his first offence, not even convicted—and he is being locked up for eighteen and a half hours, unable to speak to anyone... This is Great Britain in the twenty-first century, not Turkey, not Nigeria, not Kosovo, but Britain. On July 19, 2001, after a lengthy trial lasting several weeks the author was sentenced to four years in prison.

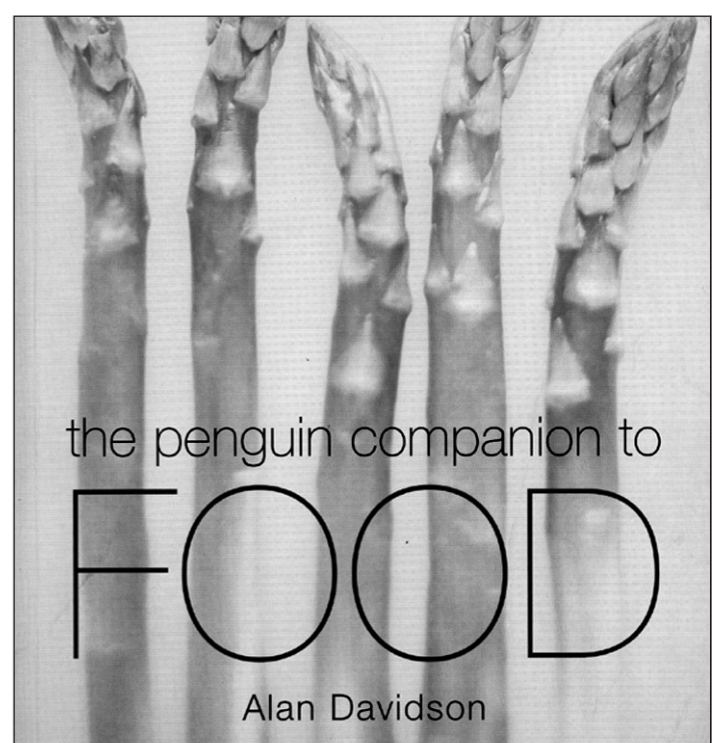
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World Cup Cricket
Peter Murray, Rajesh Kumar & Indra Vikram Singh, Price: Tk. 850.00
The biggest event on the cricket calendar is scheduled to be held in South Africa from February 8th to march 23rd, 2003. The list of cricket nations participating includes: India, Australia, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, England, West Indies, New Zealand, South Africa, Zimbabwe, Bangladesh, Kenya, Canada, Holland and Namibia. In total, 14 countries will be participating—the largest pool in the tournament's history. World Cup Cricket provides cricket enthusiasts with detailed statistics on every match ever played in World Cup Tournaments since 1975. This book includes team prospects, profiles of star players, a World Cup Cricket Quiz, Trivia and a complete program for the forthcoming event.



Mind the Gaffe
R. L. Trask, Price: Tk. 319.00
English is one of the most widely spoken of all languages; it is also one of the most misused. Exasperated by the poor quality of English he encounters every day, Larry Trask set himself the task of listing and then analyzing 2,500 of the most common slips and gaffes perpetrated by students, teachers, journalists and other professionals whose business is -- theoretically, at least -- words. With wit and panache he inveighs against sloppy thinking, poor grammar, clumsy style, and a host of other language sins. It is a Penguin Guide to Common Errors in English. R. L. Trask is also the author of the book Penguin Guide to Punctuation and the Penguin Dictionary of English Grammar.



The Penguin Companion to Food
Alan Davidson, Price: Tk. 1,700.00
The Penguin Companion to Food is a hugely entertaining celebration of food in all its forms, written by one of the world's greatest food experts and with contributions from specialists across the globe. It contains a feast of information on just about every foodstuff and on a multitude of dishes, from angel food cake to zabaglione; devotes over 120 major entries to national and regional cuisines past and present, including Roman diets and 'white-trash' food; and explores such miscellaneous topics as culinary terms and cookery writers.

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