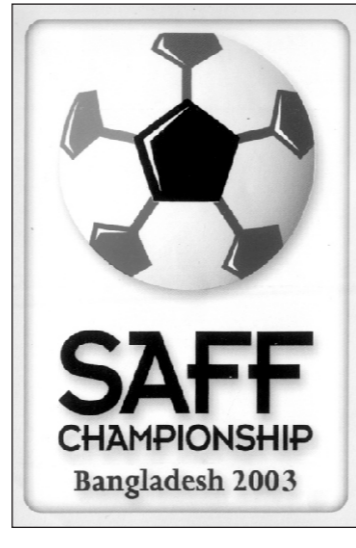


PICK OF THE WEEK



The Movie Joe's Apartment On HBO, January 22, 12.00 p.m. Joe comes from Iowa to New York and, being short of money, wants to find an apartment with very low rent. His quest is successful, but he must share the residence with some 50,000 cockroaches. The insects turn out to be Joe's best friends.

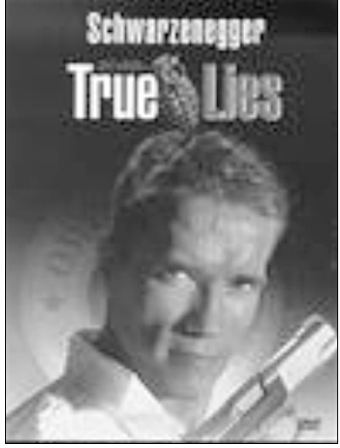


The Sport SAAF Championship Bangladesh 2003 Final On January 20 live from Bangabandhu National Stadium On BTV at 05.00 p.m.



Our Choice The Claim On Star Movies, January 22, 11.00 p.m. A prospector sells his wife and daughter to another gold miner for the rights to a gold mine. Twenty years later, the prospector is a wealthy man who owns much of the old west town named Kingdom Come. But changes are brewing and his past is coming back to haunt him.

Satellite TV

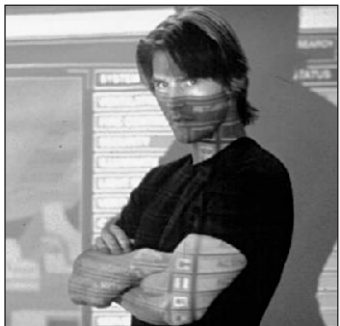


True Lies: On HBO, January 17, 10.00 p.m. Harry Tasker is the United States' top secret agent - so secret that even his wife doesn't know his occupation; she thinks he is a computer salesman. Misunderstandings commence as a result, complicating the plot and heating up the action as Harry takes on his wife and nuclear terrorists... at the same time!

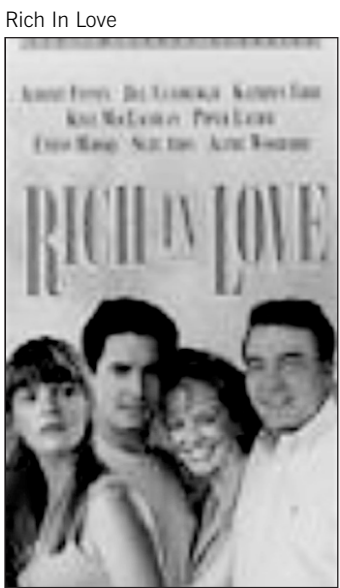


Days of Thunder: On HBO, January 19, 9.30 p.m. Cole Trickle enters the high-pressure world of Nascar racing. He's a hot driver with a hot temper, and this attitude gets him into trouble not only with other drivers, but members of his own team as well.

Mission: Impossible II: On HBO, January 18, 10.00 p.m.// IMF agent Ethan Hunt has been sent on a mission to retrieve and destroy the supply of a genetically created disease called 'Chimera'. His mission is made impossible due to the fact that he is not the only person after samples of the disease. He must also contend with a gang of international terrorists headed by a turned bad former IMF agent who has already managed to steal the cure called 'Bellerophon' and now need 'Chimera' to complete their grand plan of infecting the whole world. In order to infiltrate and locate the terrorist group he relies on the help of an international thief Nyah of whom he quickly develops a love interest. Time is not only running out for Agent Hunt to find and destroy 'Chimera' before the terrorists get their hands on it, but he must also find 'Bellerophon' so as to save his love interest who has already become infected by the disease from a terrible and rapid death.



Human Nature: On Star Movies, January 19, 11.45 p.m. A philosophical burlesque, Human Nature follows the ups and downs of an obsessive scientist, a female naturalist, and the man they discover, born and raised in the wild. As scientist Nathan (Robbins) trains the wild man, Puff (Ifans) in the ways of the world - starting with table manners - Nathan's lover Lila (Arquette) fights to preserve the man's simian past, which represents a freedom enviable to most. In the power struggle that ensues, an unusual love triangle emerges exposing the perversities of the human heart and the idiosyncrasies of the civilised mind. Human Nature is a comical examination of the trappings of desire in a world where both nature and culture are idealised.



Rich In Love On Star Movies, January 17, 8.45 p.m. A man hears his wife sing for the first time. Post-coital teenagers talk about the nature of love. Albert Finney eats ice cream out of a bucket and, in another scene, has a lovely waking moment regarding his absent wife. Alfie Woodard adds another colourful character to her acting wardrobe. But there's only the whisper of a plot here and you can't wait for it to get moving. Only when ex-Gos' Charlotte Caffey's 'The Graces' revs up a great pop song, does the picture wake up...and then it's over!



First Knight On HBO, January 22, 7.15 p.m. Lancelot lives by the sword. In fact, they're next door neighbours, so teaming up to fight for money comes pretty naturally. Lady Guinevere, on her way to marry King Arthur is ambushed by the evil Sir Malagant. Fortunately Lancelot is lurking nearby and he rescues his future queen. They fall in love, but Guinevere still fancies the idea of wearing a crown, so she honours her promise to Arthur. Can Lady Guinevere remain faithful, or will this Pretty Woman become a lady of the knight?



Pearl Harbour: On Star Movies, January 22, 07.00 p.m. Set during the time of the Japanese bombing of Pearl Harbour, two friends are caught up in the events that draw the United States into World War II. One of them enlists with the U.S. Army Air Corps and the other flies for the British Royal Air Force, but they both find themselves in love with the same woman.



Incognito: On Star Movies, January 18, 12.00 a.m. Harry Donovan is an art forger who paints fake Rembrandt pictures for \$500,000. The girl he meets and gets into bed with in Paris, Marieke, turns out to be an art expert Harry's clients are using to check the counterfeit picture he painted.

Audio CD

Rabindra-sangeet Rabindra-sangeet is mainly poetic as well as lyrical. Its music has often been created basing on the various Indian classical ragas only to express that brilliant poetic lyricism in the songs. Ajay Chakrabarty's album presents collection of songs tinged in classical ragas while keeping the Rabindra-elements not only unchanged but elevated to a higher level of brilliance.



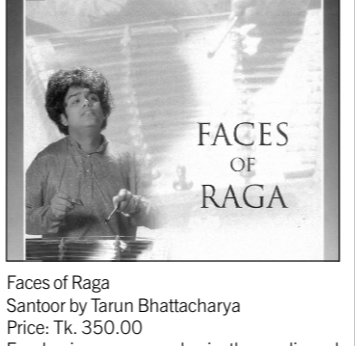
Esho Shyamal-o Shundar-o Debabrata Biswas Price: Tk. 150.00



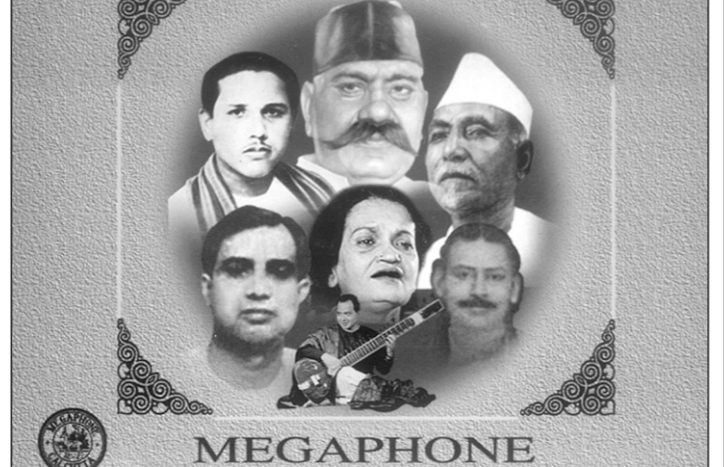
Rabibhanga Ojana Khoni-r Nutan Moni Ajay Chakrabarty Price: Tk. 75.00



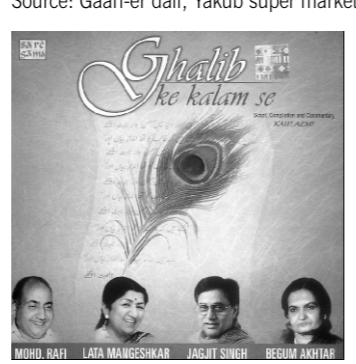
Tere Ishq Nachaya Sufi Qawwali by Abida Parveen Price: Tk. 275.00



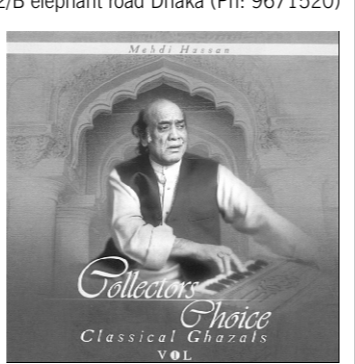
Faces of Raga Santoor by Tarun Bhattacharya Price: Tk. 350.00



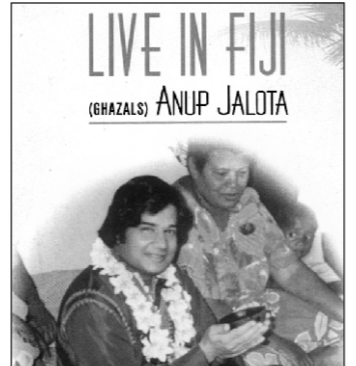
Golden Classic Collection From MEGAPHONE Price: Tk. 150.00 A truly golden collection as it gathers all those great maestros of the old time, Bade Gulam Ali Khan, Begum Akhtar, Vishwadev Chatterjee, Jnanendra Prasad Goswami, Ustad Alauddin Khan and Ustad Vilayat Khan.



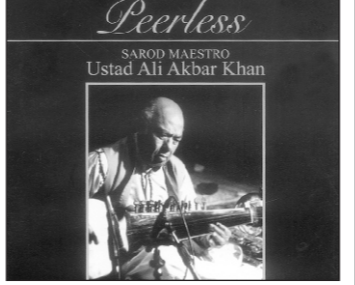
Ghalib ke Kalam se Script, compilation and commentary: Kaifi Azam Price: Tk. 275.00 The ghazal master's lyrics find immortality through India's all-time greatest singers like Mohammad Rafi, Begum Akhtar, Lata Mangeshkar, Asha Bhosle, Mukesh and the famous couple Jagjit and Chitra Singh. The music of the songs also gets enhancement through the craftsmanship of musicians Khayyam, Jagjit Singh and Jaidev.



Collector's Choice Classical Ghazals by Mehdi Hassan Vols. I, II & III, Price: Tk. 345.00 each Mehdi Hassan lays more accelerating and conscious emphasis on works, for he never seems to forget that it is the ghazal itself that has to keep the pace with the ragas. It is this pioneering and also perfect accoutrement of sound and sense that carry even the most disinterested listener to a height where sheer ecstasy reigns supreme.

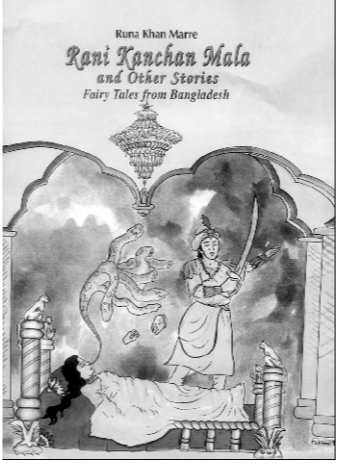


Live in Fiji Ghazals by Anup Jalota Price: Tk. 350.00

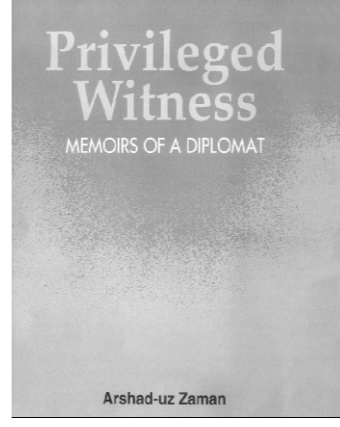


Peerless Sarod by Ustad Ali Akbar Khan Price: Tk. 345.00 Ustad Ali Akbar's treatment of delicacy, dignity, and, in particular, the element of pathos, in this interpretation especially, is so unique and intense that it touches the innermost strings of one's heart. Also the brilliance of Pandit Swapan Chowdhury, who accompanies him on the tabla, simply takes one's breath away.

Books



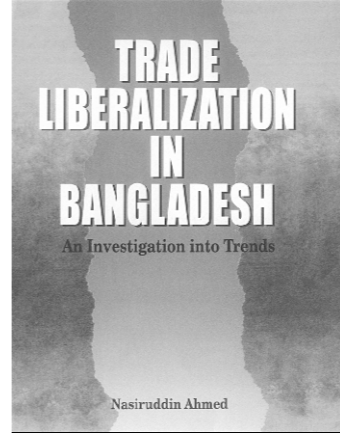
Rani Kanchan Mala and Other Stories Fairy Tales from Bangladesh Runa Khan Maree Price: Tk. 175.00 Like other Bengali children, the writer Runa Khan Maree heard fairy tales from her old nannies and other household storytellers. Now she has compiled these stories in a simplified English translation for other children to read. Many of the tales are common to both Bangladesh and West Bengal. Some of them may be found in Thakur Ma's Jhuli, compiled by D M Majumdar. Runa Khan Maree's versions are slightly different, being filtered through the several retellings that these stories have undergone. In common with fairy tales everywhere, these stories are about love, jealousy, bravery, loyalty, nobility, meanness, compassion, and, finally about the triumph of truth and patience. Easy enough for young children to read, they may also be read out to children as bedtime stories.



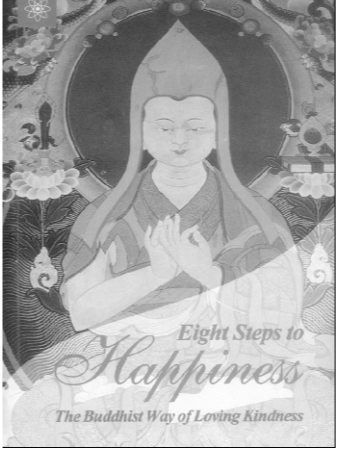
Privileged witness Memoirs of a Diplomat Arshad-uz Zaman Price: Tk. 365.00 This account of a former diplomat brings forth new information on some of the important events of history that touches two South Asian nations, Pakistan and Bangladesh. The author had the privilege of witnessing events, which made history. It is a narration of events which took place over the past fifty years. Of the makers of history, the foremost is Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, the founder of independent Bangladesh. It is the fulfillment of a thousand year old dream nourished in every Bengali heart, come true. The author was fortunate enough to know him from close quarters and work in his government. There are other historical personalities like Ismet Inonu, Rauf Orbay of Turkey, Charles de Gaulle, John F Kennedy and Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini of Iran. There are numerous others that the reader will be able to meet through the pages of this book. It is a journey through history and a close acquaintance with makers of history.

Trade Liberalization in Bangladesh

An Investigation into Trends Nasiruddin Ahmed Price: Tk. 375.00 This book analyses trends and impact of trade liberalization in Bangladesh. Bangladesh's trade liberalization effort started in the mid-1980s as an important component of the structural adjustment programme sponsored by the Bretton Woods Institutions the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund. Compared to the highly restrictive and inward-oriented nature of the trade regime that prevailed before the mid-1980s, Bangladesh presently has a less restrictive and more outward-oriented trade policy environment. This is a result of the commendable progress made in eliminating a sizable portion of import tariff and non-tariff barriers and adopting a flexible exchange rate policy. The present work is a comprehensive attempt to examine the impact of trade liberalization on the volume of import demand, export supply, industrial growth, and government revenue in Bangladesh using the modern time-series methods of co-integration and error correction modelling.



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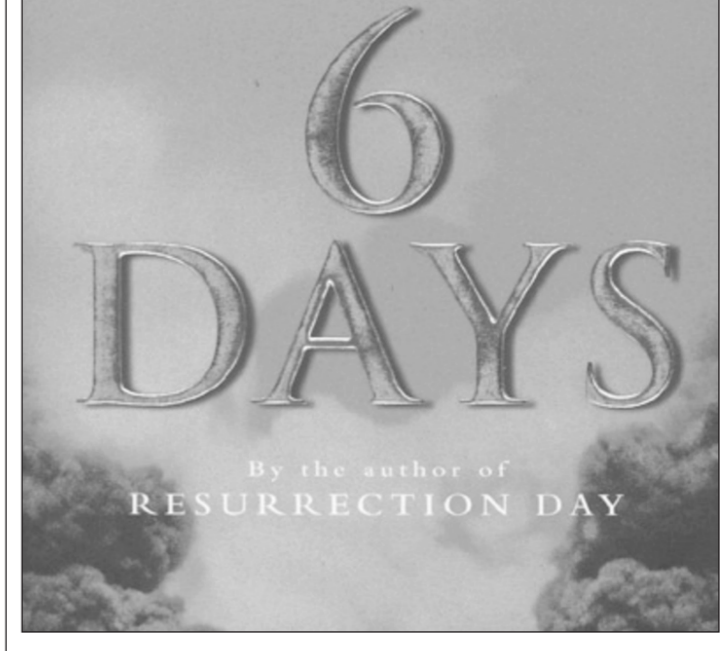
Eight Steps to Happiness Price: Tk. 320.00 Eight Steps to Happiness explains eight beautiful verses that comprise one for Buddhism's best-loved and most enduring teachings. Composed by the great Tibetan Bodhisattva Langri Tanga as Eight Verses of Training the Mind, this short text reveals profound yet totally practical methods to enable a powerful opening of the heart, the source of all true happiness. For centuries these liberating methods have brought lasting peace, inspiration, and serenity to countless people in the East. Now, at the dawn of the new millennium, Geshe Kelsang Gyatso skillfully introduced these ancient pearls of wisdom into our modern lives.

Banaras

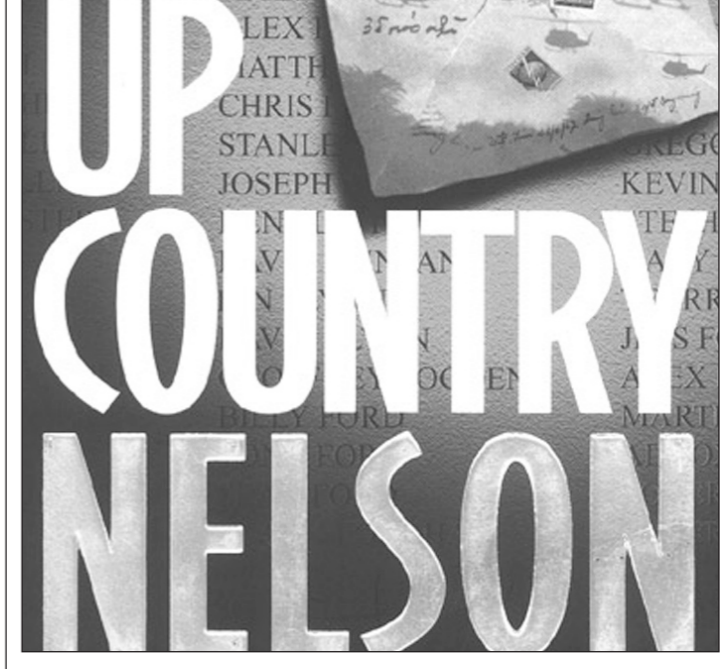
City of Light Diana L Eck Price: Tk. 489.00 The sacred city of Banaras on the River Ganges is one of the oldest living cities in the world - as old as Jerusalem, Athens and Peking. It is the place where Shiva, the Lord of All, is said to have made his permanent home since the dawn of creation. There are few cities in India as traditionally Hindu and as symbolic of the whole of Hindu culture as Banaras. In this eloquent, finely observed study, Diana Eck shows how the city over the centuries has become a lens through which the Hindu vision of the world is precisely focused. She reveals the spiritual and historical resonance of this holy place where great sages such as the Buddha and Shankara taught, where ashrams, palaces, and universities were built, where God has been imagined and imaged in a thousand ways. Eck describes the rites of its temples, the busy life of its riverfront, and the exuberance of its festivals. She narrates how people travel from all over India to Banaras for the privilege of dying a good death here, for they believe that on the banks of the River Ganges where the atmosphere of devotion is improbable in its strength, it is possible to be released from this earthly round forever.



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6 DAYS By the author of RESURRECTION DAY by Brendan Dubois What should have been a happy day for former Special Forces agent Drew Connor and his girlfriend Sheila Cass turns out to be one with unpleasant surprises. Out walking in New Hampshire's White Mountain Range, they are caught in a thunderstorm and take shelter in what appears to be a relay station for a state utility. But once inside, Drew realizes that they have walked into something really sinister. Bulletproof checkpoints, telephone hotlines, signs that read 'Internment Centres', Drew's instincts tell him to run. Things soon start to go wrong. Stopping at a general store they are fired at by the police without warning. Drew's worst fears come true. Someone somewhere wants them dead for what they have seen.



UP COUNTRY by Nelson Demille In the Vietnam War, a young American soldier dies, not in action but shot by his captain. Thirty years later, Paul Brenner, a Vietnam veteran, is asked by his former commanding officer to find the only witness to the murder. Brenner agrees and finds himself in a country that is not what it used to be. He doesn't know what made him say yes--was it a death wish or survivor's guilt? But as the search for the target gathers steam, Brenner realizes that his search is bigger than he bargained for. Up Country is an astonishing tale of intrigue and espionage, action and adventure.

The Long Recessional: the Imperial Life of Rudyard Kipling

by David Gilmour The Long Recessional is a fascinating study of a man who embodied the spirit of Britain a hundred years ago as closely as Shakespeare had done 300 years before that. Rudyard Kipling was a unique figure in that country's history, a great writer and a great imperial icon. He won the Nobel Prize for Literature; he enriched the English language more than anyone had done since Shakespeare, yet he was also an apostle of the British Empire, a man who ushered in an era of love for poetry in people the world over. Kipling's life in many ways mirrored that of his country's, from the time when the sun never set in the British Empire to its eventual decline and end. His great poem 'Recessional' celebrated Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee in 1897; his last poems were a veiled warning on the dangers of Nazism. He was thus transformed from an apostle of success to a prophet of doom, who was ignored by his own people. Based on an in-depth research in both Britain as well as in the United States, The Long Recessional attempts to look at Kipling's influence on the British outlook on both themselves and their Empire.



The Hitopadesha An ancient Fabled Classic Price: Tk. 170.00 The Hitopadesha (A Beneficial advice) was probably written in 1675 AD by the great Hindu scholar, Narayana Pandit during the reign of King Dhavalachandra in Bengal. The Hitopadesha like the Panchatantra is written in the form of a chain of simple stories. Each story has a moral and a philosophical theme which has stood the test of time and is relevant to modern times. The Hitopadesha guides us as to how to attain success in life by understanding human nature.