

PICK OF THE WEEK



The Movie

Bicentennial Man
On HBO, February 26 at 10.00 p.m.
This film follows the 'life' and times of the lead character, an android (Robin Williams) who is purchased as a household robot programmed to perform menial tasks. Within a few days the Martin family realizes that they don't have an ordinary droid as Andrew begins to experience emotions and creative thought.



The Sport

ICC World Cup 2003
Pool B Match
Live from Goodyear Park, Bloemfontein
On BTV at 1.45 p.m.
Bangladesh Vs South Africa



Our Choice

My Best Friend's Wedding
On Star Movies, February 27 at 8.30 p.m.
After Michael tells his best friend, Julianne that he is getting married in four days, she goes straight to Chicago to help him get through. But she has every intention to stop the wedding and steal the groom from Kimberly. Over the next three days, she tries everything to split them up.

Satellite TV



The Hunted
On HBO, February 21 at 10.00 p.m.
Paul is on one of his many business trips to Tokyo, as a computer-chip executive from New York, when he meets a beautiful and mysterious woman. Later, he finds himself in the wrong place at the wrong time, inadvertently interrupting an assassination by a feared Ninja-cult. As he is now the only man to have seen the face of the cult's warrior-leader and lived, he soon realizes that he is facing a markedly foreshortened life expectancy. Teaming up with a friendly samurai couple, on a two-centuries-old blood feud with the Ninja, he struggles to survive. Finally, recuperating on an island-fortress, he learns swordsmanship, and perhaps, a little about courage, honour, love, and loyalty. The requisite final confrontation is rife with bloody swordplay and spectacular martial-arts action sequences.



Pleasantville
On HBO, February 22 at 10.00 p.m.
David, single, lonely and not happy with his life, flees reality by watching Pleasantville - a 1950's b/w soap opera, where everything is just...pleasant. His sister Jennifer, sexually far more active than her brother, gets in a fight with him about a very strange remote control - given to them just seconds after the TV broke by an equally strange repair man - and they suddenly find themselves in Pleasantville, as Bud and Mary-Sue Parker, completely assimilated and therefore black and white, in clothes a little different and with new parents...pleasant ones. David wants to get out of the situation as well as his sister, but whereas he tries to blend in (effortlessly, with his knowledge), she does what she likes to do. One event leads to the other, and suddenly there is a red rose growing in Pleasantville. The more rules are broken, the more colourful life gets in Pleasantville, USA.



Batman
On HBO, February 23 at 9.30 p.m.
After a young boy witnesses his parents' murder on the streets of Gotham City, he grows up to become the Batman - a mysterious figure in the eyes of Gotham's citizens - who takes crime-fighting into his own hands. He first emerges out of the shadows when the Joker appears - a horribly disfigured individual who is out for revenge on his former employer and generally likes to have a good time - but the identity of the 'bat' is unknown. Perhaps millionaire Bruce Wayne and photographer Vicki Vale have a good chance of finding out?



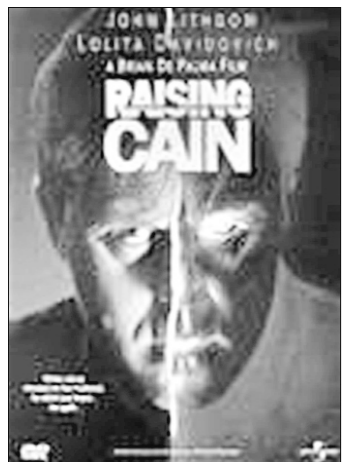
Joe's Apartment
On HBO, February 24 at 10.00 p.m.
Joe comes from Iowa to New York and, being short of money, wants to find an apartment with very low rent. His quest is successful, but he must share the residence with some 50,000 cockroaches. The insects turn out to be Joe's best friends.



Dragonheart: A New Beginning
On HBO, February 27 at 10.00 p.m.
When Geoff, an orphaned stable boy (Chris Masterson), discovers Drake (voice of Robby Benson), the world's last living dragon, he realizes that his dream of becoming a knight in shining armor can now come true. Together, they soon face challenges that turn them into heroes. But caught up in the excitement of their new lives, Geoff and Drake fail to see the hidden dangers that surround them.



Double Team
On Star Movies, February 22 at 9.00 p.m.
Jean-Claude Van Damme, Dennis Rodman, and Mickey Rourke don't belong to any army and they don't play by any rules. This high octane action-espionage thriller ignites in the cloak and dagger world of international spies, covert agents and high-tech terrorists opens April 4th.



Raising Cain
On Star Movies
February 24 at 10.30 p.m.
Jenny Nix, wife of eminent child psychologist Carter Nix, becomes increasingly concerned about her husband's seemingly obsessive concern over the upbringing of their daughter. Her own adulterous affair with an old flame, however, causes her to neglect her motherly duties until a spate of local kidnappings forces her to accept the possibility that he may be trying to recreate the twisted mind-control experiments of his discredited psychologist father.



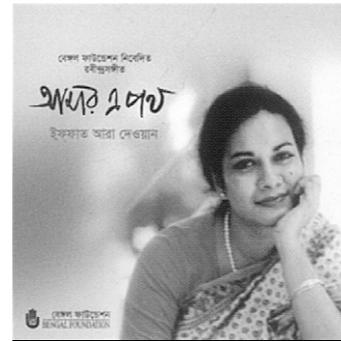
The Pickle
On Star Movies
February 23 at 10.45 p.m.
In order to keep working, a famous director known for his serious films is reduced to making a teen sci-fi movie about an alien spaceship that looks like a pickle, called 'The Pickle.'

Audio CD

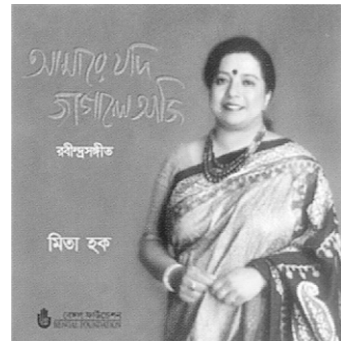
Rabindrasangeet



Eshchhi Tomar Dwarey
Rabindrasangeet by Iqbal Ahmed



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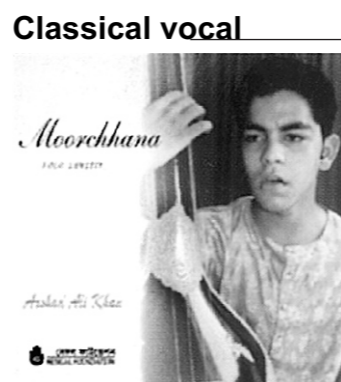
Ganosangeet
Nazrulgeeti by Shamin Shathi Islam



Himalaya Thekey Shundarban
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Nazrulgeeti
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Moorchhana
Raga-sangeet by Arshad Ali Khan

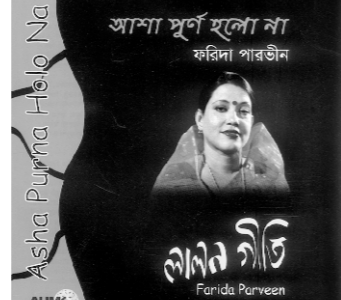
Price: CDs Tk. 200.00 each. Cassettes Tk. 80.00 each.
Source: Bengal Foundation, House# 275/F, Road# 27 (old), Dhanmondi; Ph. 8123115



Janmo Aamar Dhonnyo Holo
Patriotic songs

Price: Tk. 100.00
A collection of most popular patriotic songs of Bangladesh. The songs include *Ek nodi rokto perley, Ekti bangladesh, Hayre aamar mon matano desh, Shona shona shona, Ei Padma ei meghna, Ekbar jetey de na*, and the titular one *Janmo aamar dhonnyo holo*. The singers involved in this re-make of the old songs are Abida Sultana, Kanak Champa, Subir Nandi, Rumana Islam, Rafiqul Islam, Shampa Reza, Anima D' Costa, Syed Absul Hadi and Shamima Parvin Shimu. Brought out by Tonatuni, the album is sure to appease one's patriotic feeling.

Source: Abul Ullia Music Collection, 12 U.A.E Moitry Complex, Banani - Ph. 9887384



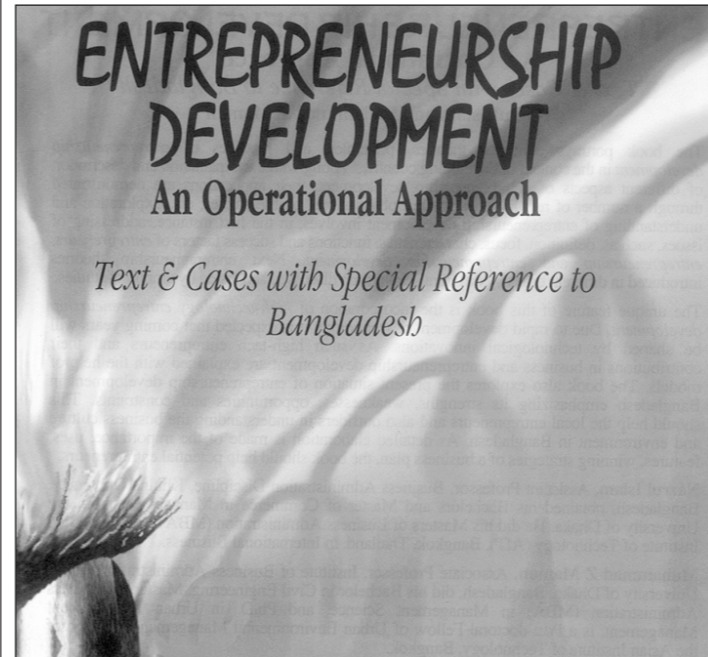
Na Shajonee Na
Rabindrasangeet by Papia Sarwar



My Love
Gazi Abdulhakim

Price: Tk. 100.00
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Books



Entrepreneurship Development: An Operational Approach

Text & Cases with Special Reference to Bangladesh
Nazrul Islam and Muhammad Z Mamun, Price Tk 350.00
The book portrays concepts, theories, principles, and practices of entrepreneurship development in the context of developing countries. Along with the explanation and description of different aspects of entrepreneurship development, their applications are demonstrated through a number of real life case studies, observations, profile studies etc. Exploration and understanding of entrepreneurship development involves, in the first instance, addressing of issues, such as, definition, focus, characteristics, functions and success factors of entrepreneurs, entrepreneurship and entrepreneurship development. Next entrepreneurship theories introduced in different times by different scholars are discussed and tested by empirical studies.
The unique feature of this book is the incorporation of high-technology entrepreneurship development. Due to rapid development of technology it is expected that coming years will be shaped by technological innovations. As such high-tech entrepreneurs and their contributions in business and entrepreneurship development are explained with the help of models. The book also explores the present situation of entrepreneurship development in Bangladesh emphasizing its strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and constraints. This should help the local entrepreneurs and also outsiders in understanding the business culture and environment in Bangladesh. As detailed elaboration is made of the importance, uses, features, winning strategies of a business plan, the book should help potential entrepreneurs.

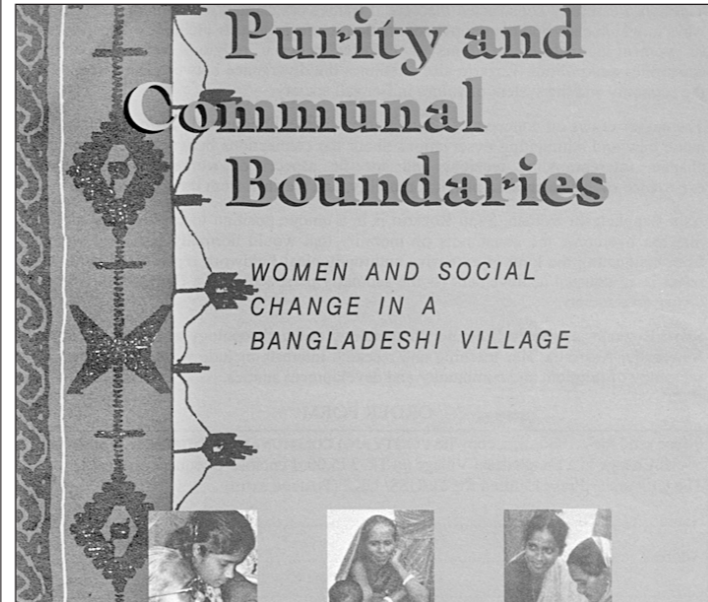


Popular Economics Unpopular Essays

Wahiduddin Mahmud, Price Tk 275.00
The book comprises an assortment of articles and commentaries written by the author for newspapers and occasional lectures delivered in popular forums. Most of them are of recent origin, dating back to no earlier than the late 1990s, and deal with contemporary development problems facing Bangladesh. A good number of the essays are aimed at explaining economic policy issues in an easily accessible way, while some represent a mix of economics and politics. Others deal with purely political issues such as attempting a Game-theoretic approach to explaining the prevailing politics of confrontation in Bangladesh.

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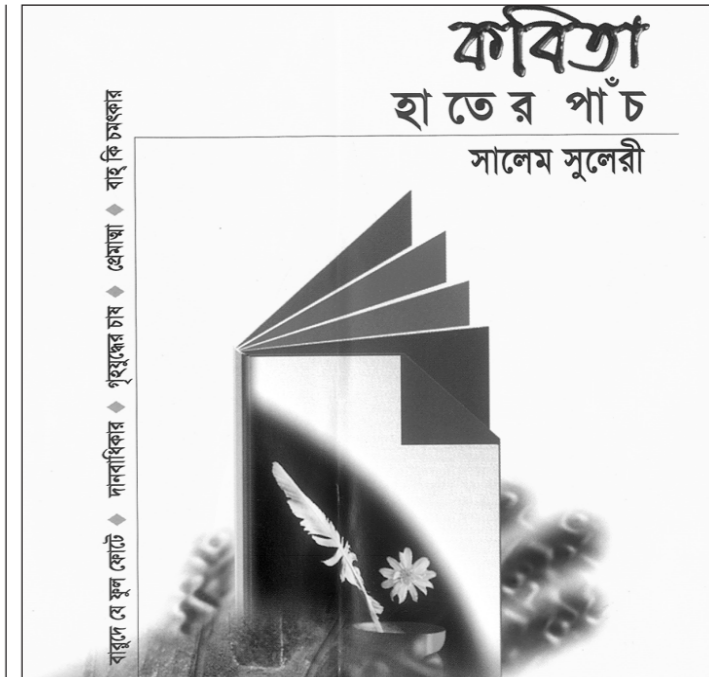
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Purity and Communal Boundaries

Women and Social Change in a Bangladeshi Village
Santi Rozario, Price: Taka 375.00
Purity and Communal Boundaries explores the rich complexities of a central Bangladeshi village, populated by Muslims, Hindus and Christians.
Through a carefully constructed theoretical framework Santi Rozario demonstrates the ways in which class and communal domination reinforce gender inequality. The position of women is analysed in terms of linkages between religious values, sexuality, economics and politics. Rozario also examines the divergence between the demands of the economy and the system of values in Bengali society.

Source: University Press Limited



Kobita Hat-er Paanch

Salem Suleri
Shuchipatro, Price: Tk. 150.00
Packed in a green velvet paper box, this is a collection five books of poems by Salem Suleri written during the time of twenty-five years of his poetic career. The books include *Barood-e-Je Phul Photey* on language, independence and social peace; *Danobadhikar* in protest of illogical war and aggressions; *Grihojuddher Chaash*, political and spiritual in tone; *Prematma* on love and betrayal; and *Bah Ki Chamotkar*, a book of contemporary rhymes. The collection is introduced to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Bangla Language Movement.

Aamar Ei Chhoto Bhubon

Abul Hossain
Aboshor Prokashon, Price: Tk. 150.00
This autobiography of Abul Hossain delineates the important period of growing self-consciousness of the Bangalee Muslims during the 1930s and 40s. In the backdrop of bloody riotous incidents between the Hindu and the Muslims, the time juxtaposes the friendly relationship between the two major religious sects of the sub-continent. The book also shows the rise of new trends of literature in the hands of poets. Abul Hossain describes his own growing up as a poet at a time that saw the on-coming division of the Bengal. And very like his poetry, the prose of the autobiography too achieves the same keen observation, ironical but straightforward language which is free of unnecessary emotion.



Sreshtho Galpo: Anton Chekhov

Edited by Moshui Alam
Aboshor Prokashon, Price: Tk. 160.00
Anton Pavlovich Chekhov is regarded one of the pioneers of modern short story and drama. His short stories depict a precise and restrained descriptive language, in-depth observation of the minds of the characters rather than their activities, and an impressionist standpoint of the writer that helps him come out of the clutches of the story itself.



No More Jokes

Ahsan Habib
Protik Prokashon, Price: Tk. 100.00
Another collection of jokes by the creator of the popular comic character 'Unmad'. In the 'Introduction' to the book Ahsan Habib, the compiler of the jokes, says, 'It is better to endure the leech-bites sitting on top of the Keokradong than to laugh reading jokes.' He humorously admits that the readers might not like the collection as there are the limits to liking. Nevertheless, it may be an amiable companion to one and provide enjoyable moments.

Available at the respective stalls at the Ekushey Book Fair