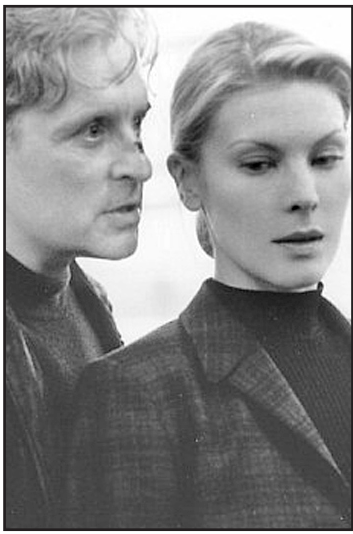


PICK OF THE WEEK



The Movie

The Game
HBO, April 1 at 12.00 a.m.
Nicholas Van Orton is a very wealthy San Francisco banker, but he is an absolute loner, even spending his birthday alone. In the year of his 48th birthday, the age his father committed suicide, his brother Conrad, who has gone long ago and surrendered to addictions of all kinds, suddenly returns and gives Nicholas a card giving him entry to unusual entertainment provided by something called Consumer Recreation Services.



The Sport

Tennis Masters Series
Nasdaq-100 Open Final
On Star Sports at 10.00 p.m.
Live from Miami Key Biscayne
Florida, USA



Our Choice

Vertical Limit
AXN, March 29 at 9.30 p.m.
A high-adrenaline tale of young climber Peter Garrett, who must launch a treacherous and extraordinary rescue effort up K2, the world's second highest peak. Confronting both his own limitations and the awesome power of nature's uncontrollable elements, Peter risks his life to save his sister, Annie, and her summit team in a race against time.

Satellite TV

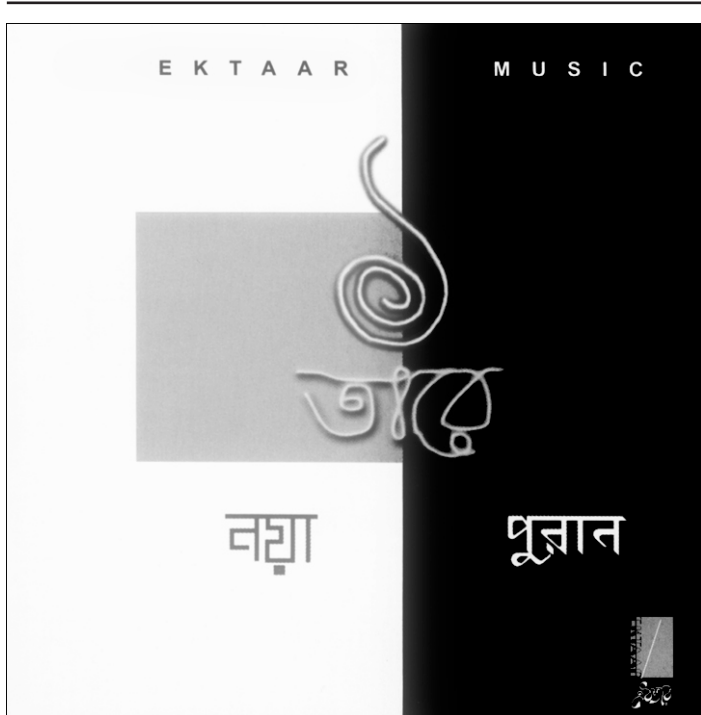


Tequila Sunrise
HBO, March 31 at 10.00 p.m.
Mac McKussic is an unlikely drug dealer who wants to go straight. His old and best friend Nick Frescia is now a cop who is assigned to investigate and bring him to justice. Mac is very attracted to Jo Ann, the owner of a stylish restaurant. Nick gets close to Jo Ann attempting to know more about Mac's drug dealing plans and his connections with the Mexican dealer Carlos, who, the police believe, is coming to town to meet with him. Nick also falls for Jo Ann's charms and his friendship with Mac is in danger.



The Perfect Storm
HBO, April 3 at 11.45 p.m.
Days after coming back home disappointed because of a fruitless fishing trip, Captain Billy Tyne decides to take his boat out one last time before the season ends, much to the confusion of his crew member Bobby Shatford. But nevertheless they stick by their captain and set sail. But they haven't anticipated a terrifying storm that will rock the North Atlantic. Or have they? There's nothing wrong with the catch - it's the best of the season, and will they be able to weather the perfect storm and reach home safely? This is an adaptation of Sebastian Junger's best selling book inspired by the real life 1991 "Storm of the Century".

CDs & Cassettes



Ek Tara Noya Pura

Price: Tk. 100.00
This is a collection of songs sung by the senior and junior generations of artists of Bangla music. The younger includes bands like Bangla, Warface, and solo performers like Pantho Kanai, Pothik Nobi, Shahed and Lubna. And the senior generation consists of recently deceased Nilufar Yasmin, Syed Abdul hadi, Happy Akhand, Samina Chowdhury.

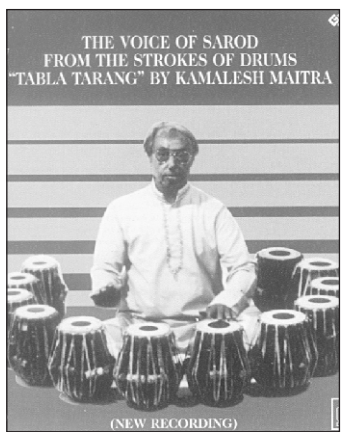


Tabla Tarang

The voice of Sarod from the strokes of Drums
by Kamalsh Maitra
Price: Tk. 360.00



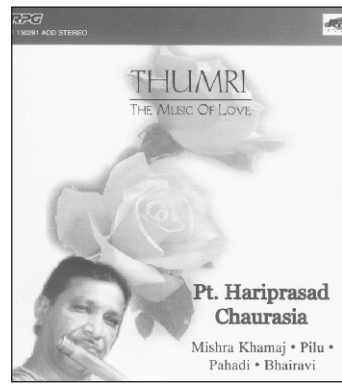
Fagun Hawoa

Rabindranath's Songs & poems of Spring
Price: Tk. 225.00
A collection of Rabindranath Tagore's poems and songs from Season Phase, the album features performances by some of famous Indian artists. Subinoy Ray, Shibajee Chattopadhyay, Indrani Sen, Lopamudra Mitra, Kavita Krishnamurthy and others in the songs, while reputed actor Soumitra Chattopadhyay, Pradeep Ghosh, Debarati Shom and Robin Majumdar are in the recitation.



Shawret el Shak

Arabic songs by Ummeh Kulsum
Price: Tk. 750.00
The Egyptian singer is not much known to the audience of Bangladesh, although she is one of the best singers in her country and in Arab world. The album will let Bangladesh's music lovers get some change in the taste and opportunity to travel the distant land of deserts.



Thumri: The Music of Love

Pt. Hariprasad Chaurasia
Price: Tk. 320.00
Thumri is one of the timeless songs of the lives and loves of the people of this region. The flute recitation of these songs has found its base in ragas like Mishra Khamaj, Pilu, Pahadi and Bhairavi.

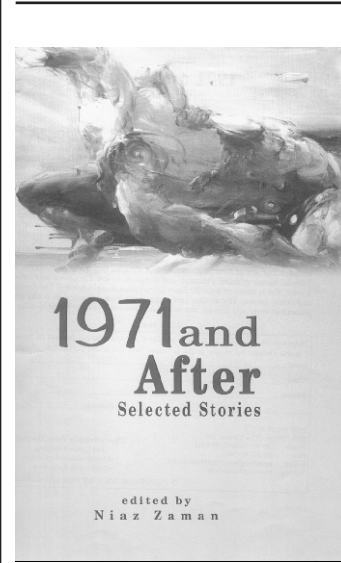


Hason Rajay Koy

Golam Mortuza Chowdhury
Price: Tk. 80.00
The album contains 12 of Hason Raja's songs like 'Tumi ke arami ba ke', 'Khoda diley premik hoiley', 'Ami korrey mana', 'Apon shadon amar holo na', 'Mon tumi kar bhabe re' and the titular one 'Hason Rajay koy'.

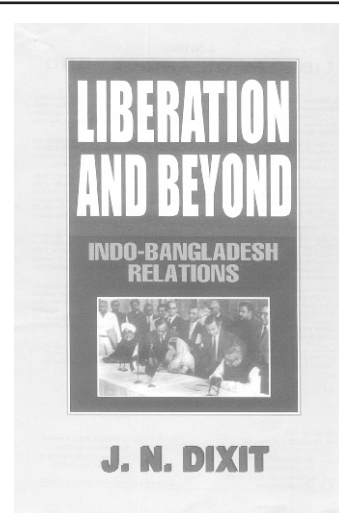
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Books



1971 and After

Edited by Niaz Zaman
Price: Tk. 350.00
The twenty-four stories in 1971 and After are a representative fraction of the numerous short stories written about the War of Liberation and its aftermath. They include stories by well known writers such as Akhtaruzzaman Elias, Alauddin Al Azad, Hasan Azizul Huq, Humayun Ahmed, Makbula Manzoor, and Nasreen Jahan as well as by a number of less well known writers. Taken together, they give a varied perspective on the events of 1971 and after. The stories, some written immediately after the war, some decades later, have been arranged so that they begin with 1971 and end with the present.

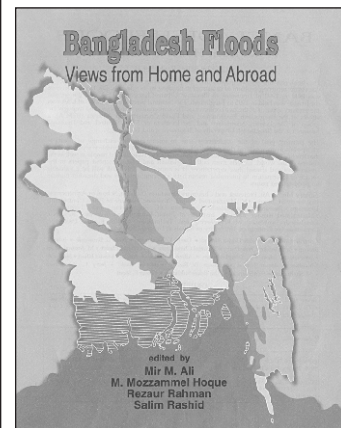


Liberation and Beyond

Indo-Bangladesh Relations
J.N. Dixit
Price: Tk. 500.00
The liberation of Bangladesh is one of the most important events in 20th century South Asian history. The emergence of Bangladesh negated the logic of the partition of India on the basis of the two-nation theory propounded by the Muslim League which changed South Asia's political and strategic equations. India's former Foreign Secretary, J.N. Dixit, was not only a witness but a participant in the processes leading to the liberation of Bangladesh.

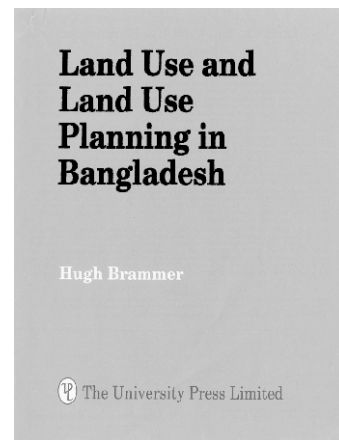
This book is an analytical account of the political processes and policy orientations of leaders and governments who were involved in the East Pakistan crisis and the break up of Pakistan. There is for the first time a detached analysis of Mujibur Rahman's personality and psyche as well as his attitude towards India which contradicts myths and superficial perceptions about the Founding Father of Bangladesh.

This is the first detailed work by an active participant in the liberation and developments related to Indo-Bangladesh relations. This is also the first book which provides analytical and insightful details of the motivations of India in supporting the liberation war and the political dimensions of the struggle although many books have been written about the military aspects of the liberation of Bangladesh. It provides a comprehensive and panoramic survey of developments in Indo-Bangladesh relations over the last 28 years, with one chapter devoted to projecting the likely orientations of Bangladesh's foreign policy and of Indo-Bangladesh relations into the early decades of the 21st century.



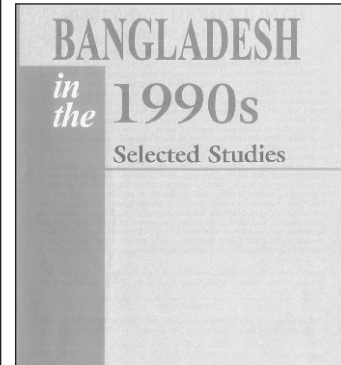
Bangladesh Floods

Views from Home and Abroad
edited by Salim Rashid et al
Price: Tk. 750.00
This book contains selected papers from the proceedings of two conferences arranged to discuss the recurring problem of catastrophic flooding in Bangladesh. The first conference was held in 1993 at University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, USA and the second conference was held in 1995 in Bangladesh. The National Science Foundation of USA was the primary sponsor of the two conferences. The conferences were organized through the effort of the Bangladesh Environment and Flood Committee in America (BEFCA), a group of Bangladeshi Americans, and the Institute of Flood Control and Drainage Research of the Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology.



Land Use and Land Use Planning in Bangladesh

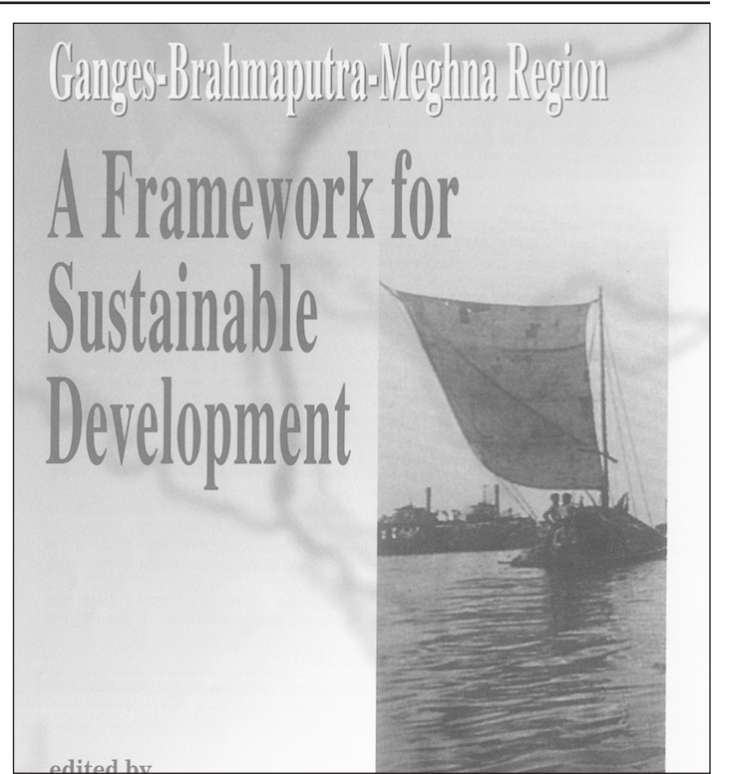
Hugh Brammer
Price: Tk. 1500.00
In the fifth volume of his collected works, the author brings together selected papers, updated by footnotes, which provide an historical perspective on Bangladesh's dynamic land use and the evolving approaches to rural development planning in the 1970s and 1980s. Aimed particularly at agriculture, geography and soil science researchers, teachers and students, and agricultural planning and extension officials, this book makes available material that previously had a limited circulation, provides models and benchmarks for repeating some of the studies described, and supplies practical training material. Part I provides background information on Bangladesh's physical environment and land use. Part II comprises nine chapters describing wide-ranging land use studies made in support of agricultural development planning, ranging from the various ways in which farmers have intensified their crop production to legal aspects of land use regulation. Part III outlines the policies and principles involved in national and local-level land use planning, while Part IV provides information and guidelines for use in planning more intensive land use. Part V describes in detail the various methods tried in the 1970s and 1980s to use soil survey information for village and Thana development planning and for land use zoning. Throughout, emphasis is given to participatory planning methods.



Bangladesh in the 1990s

Selected Studies
edited by Willem van Schendel and Kirsten Westergaard, Price: Tk. 400.00
The social sciences and humanities have largely neglected Bangladesh. Researchers in Bangladesh are handicapped by poor government funding and a lack of incentives for doing sustained serious research. External funding has come from development circles which need appraisal and evaluation studies of many kinds. Many social scientists have become involved but such research is rarely long-term, it comes with its own restricted and extremely generated research agenda, and it is less concerned with academic rigour than with results which can be fed quickly into the administration of development projects. Outside the country the situation is not much better. There are simply no strong centres of Bangladesh studies abroad which pack the 'critical mass' to contribute significantly to a worldwide effort to improve the quality and quantity of research on Bangladesh.

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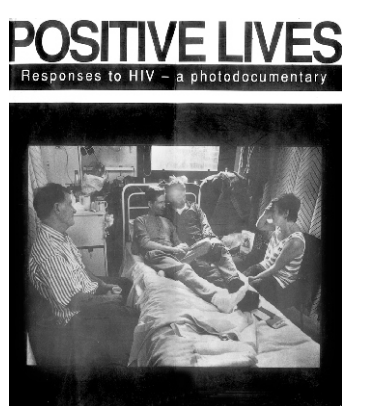
Ganges-Brahmaputra-Meghna Region

A Framework for Sustainable Development
edited by Qazi Khaliqzaman Ahmad, Asit K Biswas, R Rangachari, Mohan Man Sainju
Price: Tk. 350.00
The Ganges-Brahmaputra-Meghna (GBM) river systems constitute the second largest hydrologic region in the world. The total drainage area of the GBM region is about 1.75 million sq km -- stretching across five countries: Bangladesh, Bhutan, China, India and Nepal. While Bangladesh and India share all the three rivers, China shares the Brahmaputra and the Ganges, Nepal only the Ganges, and Bhutan the Brahmaputra. The region is rich in natural endowments, but the paradox is that over 600 million people who live in this region are still mired in poverty. The development and utilization of the region's natural resources have never been sought in an integrated manner by the regional countries due to past differences, legacies of mistrust, and lack of goodwill.

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Positive Lives

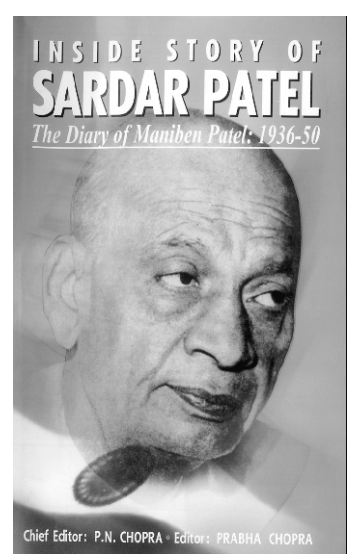
Responses to HIV -- A Photodocumentary
Edited by Stephen Mayes & Lyndall Stein
Price: Tk. 1270.00
These photographs eloquently reveal the fallacy of the all-too-common belief that people affected by HIV are somehow different from the rest of us in modern British society. Take a long look at the faces and the lives revealed herein -- these people are our neighbours, our sons and daughters, our partners and loved ones. True courage is that with which ordinary people daily confront the extraordinary in their lives. This is the legacy that these men and women have given to us -- let us learn from that and value it and them.



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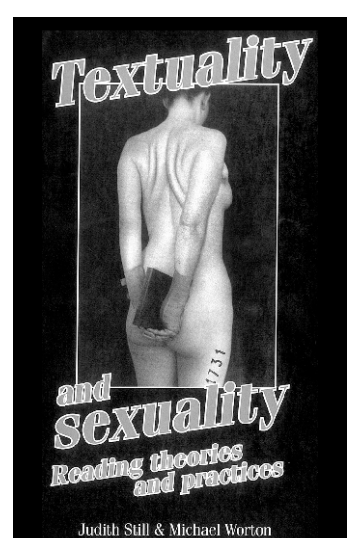
Sardar Patel

The Diary of Maniben Patel: 1936-50
Price: Tk. 1590.00



This is the first-ever publication of the hitherto unknown diary of Sardar Patel's daughter. Maniben generally accompanied Patel everywhere and was present with the Sardar at most of his meetings. She was therefore privy to what transpired in these meetings and also to Sardar's views and innermost thoughts on various historic and sensitive issues which he often could not otherwise express even to his closest friends and colleagues.

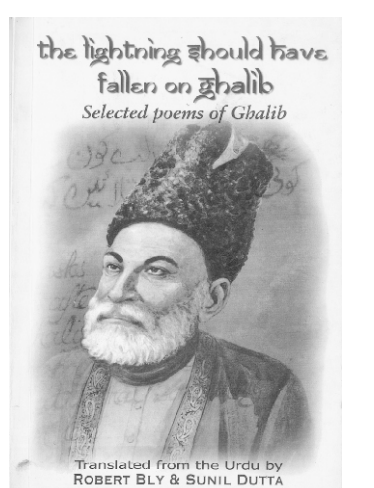
The diary runs from 8 June 1936 till Sardar's death on 15 December 1950, and is particularly detailed after Patel's release from jail in 1945. It offers a wealth of often revealing, sometimes explosive details and insights into that defining period in India's history which encompasses the country's independence, partition, integration of the princely states, Gandhi's assassination, and then the initial, crucial years of India's self-governance, in all of which Patel's was an indispensable, pivotal role.



Textuality and Sexuality

Reading theories and practices
Judith Still & Michael Worton
Price: Tk. 1860.00

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The Lightning should have fallen on Ghalib

Selected poems of Ghalib
Translated from Urdu by Robert Bly & Sunil Dutta
Price: Tk. 240.00

Coyote Ugly
Star Movies, March 28 at 9.20 p.m.
Sexy, romantic comedy about a girl in her early 20s named Violet Sanford going to NYC to pursue a dream of becoming a songwriter. Violet gets a "day" job as a bar maid at a nightclub called Coyote Ugly. Coyote Ugly is the city's newest hot spot where the employees are a team of sexy, resourceful women that provoke the clientele and press with their mischief.



Wild Things
AXN, March 30 at 9.30 p.m.
In south Florida, a high school counsellor is accused of rape by a manipulative rich girl and her trailer trash classmate. The cop on the case begins to suspect a conspiracy and dives into an elaborate and devious web of greed and betrayal to find the truth.



Patton
AXN, March 31 at 10.30 p.m.
"Patton" tells the tale of General George S. Patton, famous tank commander of World War II. The film begins with Patton's career in North Africa and progresses through the invasion of Germany and the fall of the Third Reich. Side plots also speak of Patton's numerous faults such as his temper and habit towards insubordination. Faults which would, eventually, lead to his being relieved as Occupation Commander of Germany.