

## PICK OF THE WEEK



### The Movie

**The Messenger: The Story of Joan of Arc**  
On HBO, April 12 at 10.00 p.m.  
In 1412, a young girl called Jeanne is born in Domrémy, France. The times are hard: The Hundred Years war with England has been going on since 1337, English knights and soldiers roam the country. Jeanne develops into a very religious young woman, she confesses several times a day.



### The Sport

**Tri-Series TVS Cup 2003**  
1st ODI  
Live from Dhaka, BANGLADESH  
On 11 April at 2.00 p.m.  
On STAR SPORTS  
Bangladesh  
Vs  
India



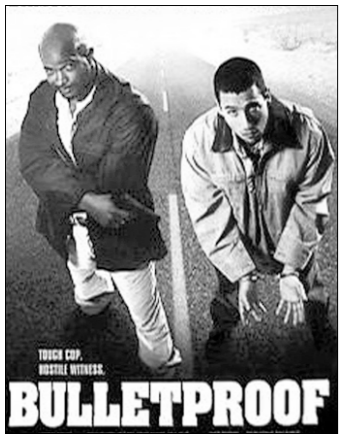
### Our Choice

**The Man Who Cried**  
On Star Movies, April 14 at 8.35 p.m.  
A Russian peasant emigrates to America, with a promise to send for his mother and young daughter when he is settled. His daughter follows shortly after, but she ends up on a ship bound for England, where she is renamed Suzie and raised by a British family.

## Satellite TV



**Gattaca**  
On HBO, April 13 at 9.30 p.m.  
Gattaca Corp. is an aerospace firm in the future. During this time society analyzes your DNA and determines where you belong in life. Ethan Hawke's character was born with a congenital heart condition which would cast him out of getting a chance to travel in space. So in turn he assumes the identity of an athlete who has genes that would allow him to achieve his dream of space travel.



**Bulletproof**  
On HBO, April 11 at 10.00 p.m.  
Rock Keats and Archie Moses are the best of friends and have spent the past year together performing various small time criminal acts. This all changes when they become involved in a major drug smuggling operation. Rock Keats turns out to be Jack Carter, an undercover police officer and tries to arrest Moses during a failed attempt to catch criminal mastermind Frank Colton. However, Moses ends up shooting Carter and makes an escape. Moses is later caught and agrees to turn state's evidence on Colton with one condition, Carter escorts him in. When they meet, both are bitter towards each other. Unknown to them, Colton's men have orders to take out Moses and arrive to shoot down the transport plane. Carter and Moses end up by themselves in the countryside with Colton's men closing in. Will they survive?...will their friendship?



**Superstar**  
On HBO, April 17 at 10.00 p.m.  
Orphan Mary Katherine Gallagher, an ugly duckling at St. Monica High School, has a dream: to be kissed soulfully. She decides she can realize this dream if she becomes a superstar, so her prayers, her fantasies, and her conversations with her only friend focus on achieving super-stardom. Her big chance is a school talent contest; her main competition is Evian, the school beauty, who is dancing with Sky, the object of Mary Katherine's kiss dream. Mary Katherine gets some talent-show help from her fellow special education students, her grandma, and Jesus, and inspiration from secrets in her past. Watching are Sky, Evian, and a silent classmate.



**The Vanishing**  
On Star Movies, April 12 at 9.05 p.m.  
Barney teaches chemistry, and is planning to abduct a woman. Despite methodical planning and countless trial runs he always manages to mess things up. Then Diane, who is traveling with her boyfriend Jeff, unwittingly makes herself an easy target. The story is mainly from Jeff's viewpoint, as he searches for Diane. Barney watches him.



**Slappy and the Stinkers**  
On HBO, April 16 at 10.00 p.m.  
Five 2nd-grade kids who don't follow strict rules by their school principal Brinway are dubbed "Stinkers" by him. On the class visit to an aquarium the Stinkers decide that a sea lion called Slappy doesn't feel too good there, "free" him, and plant him into Brinway's hot-tub.



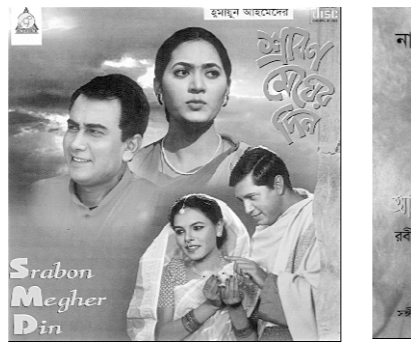
**Sphere**  
On Star Movies, April 11 at 8.40 p.m.  
1000 feet below the ocean, navy divers discover an object half-a-mile long. A crack team of scientists are deployed to the site in Deepsea Habitats. What they find boggles the mind as they discover a perfect metal sphere. What is the secret behind the sphere? Will they survive the mysterious "manifestations"? Who or what is creating these? They may never live to find out.

**The Intern**  
On Star Movies, April 15 at 10.15 p.m.  
A young, underappreciated intern at the ultra-hip magazine Skirt must learn to deal with kissy-face phoniness, model tantrums and bulimic editors, while trying to steal the heart of a dashing British art director from the grips of a supermodel.

## CDs & Cassettes



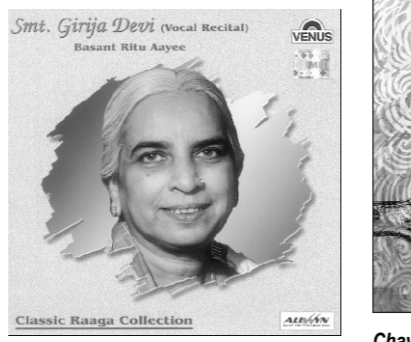
**Momo Chithey Niti Nritty**  
Rabindra songs for dance  
Price: Tk. 150.00  
Dance has had a long tradition in the families of the Bangali. Children at their tender ages often start learning dance. And the most frequently chosen songs for performance of dance often become a favourite collection for the students. Those rhythmic tunes like *Momo chithey niti nritty*, *Amra shobai raja*, *Poush toder daak diechhey*, *Esho hey Baishakh*, *Graam chhara oi ranga matir path*, *Phuley phuley dholey dholey*, *Aloker ei jharna dharay*—all these songs are now on a CD brought to the young learners.



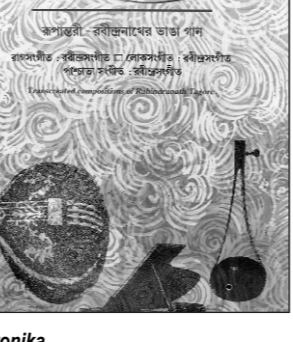
**Shrabon Megher Din**  
Songs of Bangla film by Humayun Ahmed  
Price: Tk. 100.00  
The sound track of the famous film by the greatest filmmaker Bangladesh has ever seen, the album presents some brilliant congregation of talent brought together by Humayun Ahmed. It's certainly worth collecting.



**Amar Praner Manush**  
Rabindra Sangeet by Nahar Jamil  
Price: Tk. 100.00  
The album contains some of the poet's greatest songs—*Tumi ebar amy loho*, *Boney jodi phulo kushum*, *Ami jokhon chhilem andho*, *Je tomay chharye chharuk* and others.



**Classical Raaga Collection**  
Classical vocal by Smt. Girija Devi  
Price: Tk. 200.00



**Chayonika**  
Transcreated compositions of Rabindranath Tagore  
Price: Set of 4 cassettes Tk. 250.00

### Esho Hey Baishakh

**Rabindra Sangeet by Mita Haque**  
Price: Tk. 130.00  
With the ongoing blows of heat of Chaitra, and also on the eve of the Grishma, it's time to celebrate with the songs of Rabindranath Tagore. This album of Mita Haque provides a satisfying collection of Rabindra Sangeet that projects the various endowments the nature wears during this time of year. The titular *Esho hey Baishakh* picturesquely presents the rude defiant nature in the month of Baishakh. But not just summer, the album also features songs of other months and seasons of the Bangla year—Shrabon, Sharat, Barsha. The songs include *Aaj Shraboner purimatey*, *Badal diner prothom Kadamb phul*, *Aaj shobar shangey rong mishatey* and a few popular others.



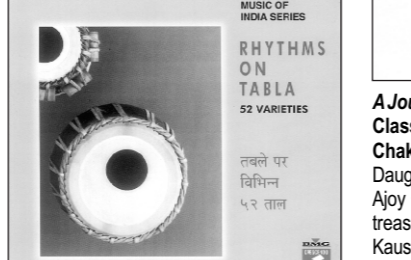
**Tumi Keno Eleyena**  
Bangla modern songs by Asha Bhosle  
Price: Tk. 225.00



**Muktijuddho**  
Band music by Ark  
Price: Tk. 130.00  
The new décor of the erstwhile popular band with a new line-up has given Ark a completely new look. Surely their new productions will also be different. The titles of the songs—*Muktijuddha*, *Hurricane*, *Bijoy*, *Chand*, *Aajab*, *Drugs*—all reflect at one thing that Ark is still serving its due to the nation.



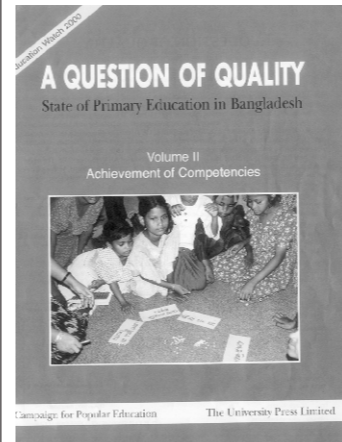
**A Journey Begins...**  
Classical vocals by Kaushiki Chakraborty, Price: Tk. 275.00  
Daughter of stalwart vocalist of Indian music Ajoy Chakraborty, Kaushiki has inherited a treasure of traditional classical music. Kaushiki started her formal training under Padmabhushan Deshikottom Jnan Prakash Ghosh at the age of 7. At present she is learning music from her father and guru at the Sangeeth Research Academy as a scholar.



**Rhythms on Tabla**  
Classical instrumental  
Price: Tk. 325.00

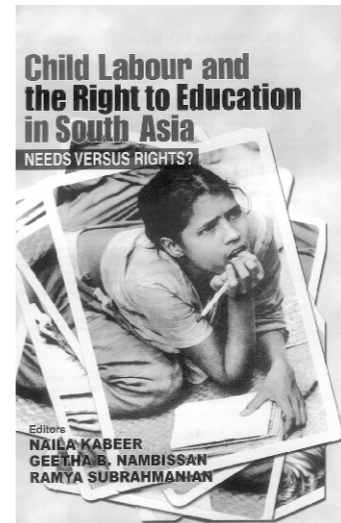
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## Books



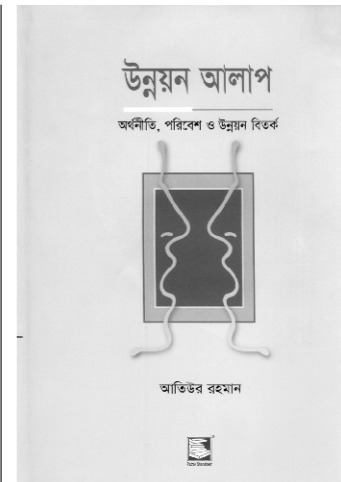
### Education Watch 2000

**A Question of Quality**  
State of Primary Education in Bangladesh  
Volume II: Achievement of Competencies  
Editor: Samir R Nath, A Mushtaque R Chowdhury  
Price: Tk. 750.00  
About 18 million of Bangladesh's 130 million population, are in the primary school age (6-10 years) group. Nearly 80 per cent of these children are now attending school. Some studies have raised questions about the quality of education imparted in the schools. This report presents results from a new study that looks at the quality aspect more comprehensively. It is done for both formal and non-formal sub-systems by (i) assessing students completing the primary cycle against a set of terminal competencies recommended by the government and (ii) by studying the state of teacher education. The results have both short and longterm policy implications. It indicates that Bangladesh has to strive hard if it wants to reach the new goal of quality Education for All by the year 2015. The report is published in three volumes. Volume I presents the main findings and a synthesis, Volume II the results on the achievement of competencies and Volume III present the results on teacher education. This report is the second from the Education watch, an initiative by several individuals and organizations representing the civil society in Bangladesh. The first report, entitled *Hope not Complacency*, which looked at the internal efficiency of primary education, was published in 1999.



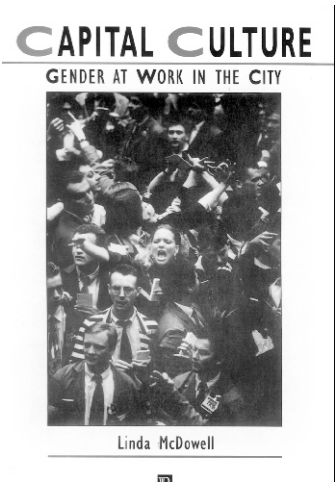
### Child Labour and the Right to Education in South Asia

**Needs Versus Rights?**  
Editors: Naila Kabeer, Geetha B Nambissan and Ramya Subrahmanian  
Price: 550.00  
The twin issue of child labour and children's rights to education have become a matter of international concern while gaining prominence in national developmental efforts. The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, which has a higher rate of ratification by the nations of the world than any other UN convention, signals a new global awareness of the importance of this problem. Within the South Asian context, the issue of child labour is widely seen as a manifestation of poverty, and the child's contribution to the household economy is seen as vital to meeting the basic needs of poor families. This region has the largest number of child labourers in the world, as well as the largest number of children out of the school. A number of different educational models for addressing the requirements of children who are outside the conventional schooling system, have also been evolved in this region.



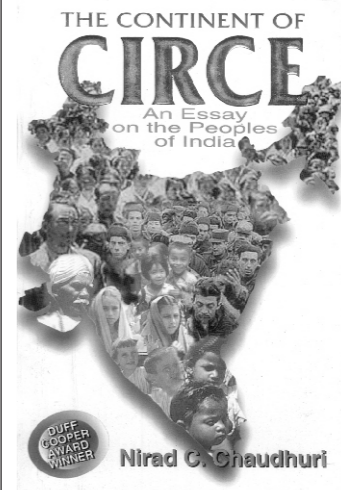
### Uন্নয়ন আলাপ

**Aurhoniit, Poribesh O Uন্নয়ন Bitarko**  
Atiur Rahman  
Price: Tk. 325.00  
The author has looked on the development debate from different angles in this book. According to him, Bangladesh performed well in the run of development during the 1990s. Although almost half of the population is still poor and illegal activities inside the government machinery has spread even more, the decade saw remarkable rise in the economic sector. Literacy and average lifetime have increased, while the population growth rate has decreased. On the other hand, women have been brought on the plane of power. All these aspects have been elaborately discussed in the book.



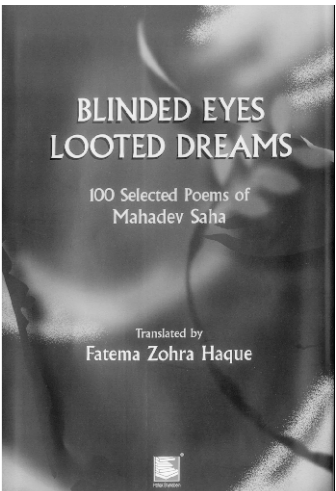
### Capital Culture

**Gender at Work in the City**  
Linda McDowell  
Price: Tk. 1699.00  
Drawing on a range of disciplinary approaches, the various means by which gender segregation is established and maintained are explored. In fascinating detail, the author explains everyday experiences of men and women working in a range of jobs and in different spaces, from the dealing rooms to the boardrooms. This value is atypical in focusing on men as well as women, showing that for men, too, there are many ways of doing gender at work. For these men and women the places and spaces in which they work affect as well as reflect acceptable ways of doing gender. Capital Culture is essential reading for upper-level students and above of Sociology, Geography, Social Policy, Anthropology and Management studies.



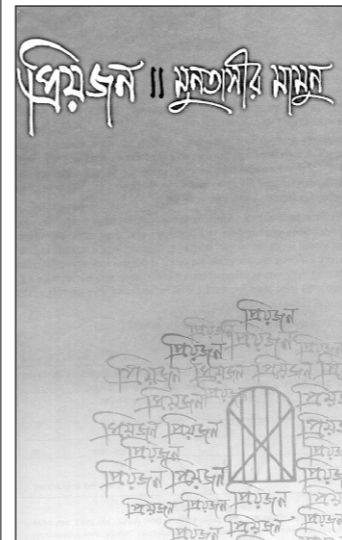
### The Continent of Circe

Price: Tk. 235.00  
'The Continent of Circe', the result of the author's life-time effort to understand the nature of things Indian, describes the human situation in India after Independence. The author resorts to the historical method, and surprisingly encounters not staidly, but a continuing dynamic, and even explosive process within which history and geography have worked to create dissimilar communities and endless conflicts. In the process of research he works exhaustively with Indian ethics communities. The account has the kaleidoscopic quality of a motion picture, linking all historic events from Aryan migration up to Nehru's death in a coherent, though shifting perspective, which also reveals that the grip of established tradition on all communities has not relaxed. Yet, the highlight of this book is undoubtedly the author's imaginative interpretation of the Hindu personality based on original sources. Chaudhuri's language is forceful and expressive, and his arguments are well-defined and lucid. 'The Continent of Circe' is without doubt, one of this controversial author's most compelling and authoritative works a land mark in Indian literary history.



### Blinded Eyes Looted Dreams

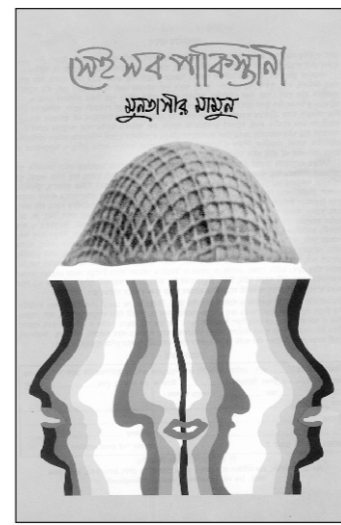
100 Selected Poems of Mahadev Saha  
Translated by Fatema Zohra Haque  
Price: 395.00  
A Masters in Bangla literature from Rajshahi University, Mahadev Saha started to write poetry in the 60s, which, by all accounts, was one of the most formative periods in our literature and the arts. The modernist ethos of the 60s created in our poets, writers and artists an urge to excel in all things modern. Translating Mahadev Saha's poems into English is no easy task; indeed, a less than faithful translation might tone down his appeal, taking away the richness of his poetry and the variety of moods that he evokes in his poems. Mahadev Saha's lyrics have been described as 'lyrics of feelings'; the world they project is often idyllic and romantic, but behind the usual exuberance of emotion lies the bitterness and desolation that life seems to offer to any feeling individual. In translation his brilliance is replaced by what looks like a routine competence, and his magic doesn't appear half as charming.



### Priyogon

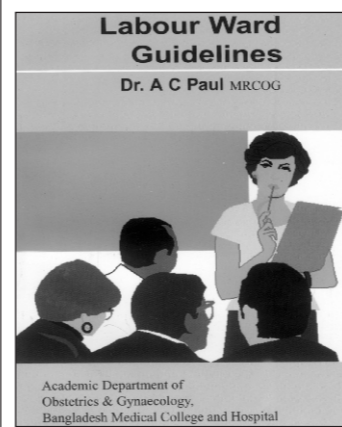
Muntasir Mamun  
Price: Tk. 110.00  
The book introduces Mamun's reminiscence of some great men of this land.

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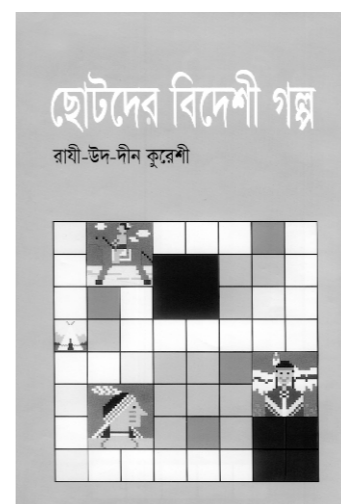
### Shei Shob Pakistani

Muntasir mamun  
Price: Tk. 150.00  
Written in fashion of travelogue, the book is however not any traditional one of the sort. Rather Muntasir Mamun travelled through Pakistan to observe the then Pakistani attitude towards the incidents of 1971 and its effect. The book presents confessions—or explanations—from the then Pakistan government officials regarding why they committed such a sinful genocide upon the Bangladeshis.



### Labour Ward Guidelines

Dr. AC Paul mrcog  
Price: 100.00  
Management of labour ward is a never ending challenge for the obstetrician. A simple mistake or deviation from the normal protocol of management can easily end up in a disaster where both the mother and the baby could be the victims. An agreed protocol to be adhered in a labour ward is not only important for patient care but also a fundamental step to assist in training of the future obstetricians. In the developed countries, the labour wards are managed under the strict guidance of well agreed protocols to ensure an uniformity in patient care.



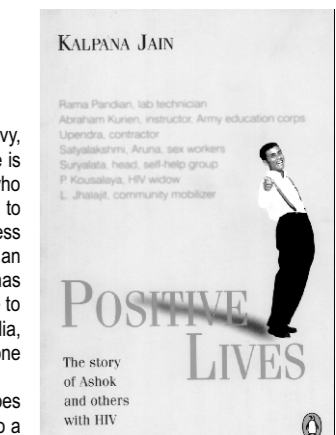
### ছোটদের বিদেশী গল্প

রাবী-উ-দীন কুরেশী  
Price: Tk. 60.00  
The book is a unique collection of ten stories written for children. The stories have been selected from the famous book Adventure Lands. An appropriate book to bid your children welcome into the world of Imagination and Fantasy.

Source: Anyya Prokash

### Positive Lives

**The Story of Ashok and others with HIV**  
Kalpana Jain  
Price: Tk. 400.00  
In 1989, Ashok Pillai, a radio operator in the Navy, tested positive for HIV. Thirteen years later, he is among the few courageous men and women who have come 'open', in order to extend support to those living with HIV and to spread awareness about the virus. It is a difficult battle, and an enormously important one. Today, HIV has assumed epidemic proportions. By 2001, close to 4 million men, women and children all over India, and across all classes, had been infected by it; one person per minute still continues to get the virus. In Positive Lives, journalist Kalpana Jain describes Ashok's extraordinary journey from a victim to a prominent advocate of positive people's rights. Into this narrative she weaves stories from her travels to the AIDS hot spots in urban and rural Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Manipur and Bihar. In the hinterland she finds grandmothers looking after orphan children whose parents have succumbed to the disease; AIDS widows who have come together to provide each other support; and young men and women who are ready to marry positive persons. Perhaps the first book of its kind in India, Positive Lives looks at many issues connected with HIV in the country: the changing sexual mores of the middle class, how poverty affects the spread of HIV, the ambivalent attitude of the government and medical establishment towards positive people, and the politics of donors and NGOs. Rich in detail, incisive and brave, this is a book for anyone concerned about the spread of HIV.



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