# ENTERTÄINMENT

# PICK OF THE WEEK



## **The Movie**

Erin Brockovich On HBO, July 12 at 9:30 p.m.

Erin Brockovich is an unemployed single mother, desperate to find a job, but is having no luck. This losing streak even extends to a failed lawsuit against a doctor in a car accident she was in. With no alternative, she successfully browbeats her lawyer to give her a job in compensation for the loss. While no one takes her seriously, with her trashy clothes and earthy manners, that soon changes when she begins to investigate a suspicious real estate case involving the Pacific Gas & Electric Company.

US-Bangladesh

Relations

A Critique

**US-Bangladesh Relations** 

This book is an effort to deal with various

aspects of US-Bangladesh relations. It

examines the US attitude towards struggle

for liberation of Bangladesh, and the delay

caused by the United States in granting

recognition on the pretext that Bangladesh

was not yet sovereign because of presence

of Indian troops in Bangladesh. The first

bilateral agreement was signed between the

United States and Bangladesh in May 1972

followed by establishment of diplomatic

elations between the two countries.

Sending of an envoy by President Nixon in

July 1972 also added to development of a

bridge of positive relationship. Mujib

adopted a Constitution with a Presidential

type of government in 1975, resulting in ban

The failure of the government to solve basic

problems in the country seriously tarnished

the image of Sheikh Mujib. During the Ziaur

Rahman regime there was significant

The US Army had launched the largest

disaster relief operation following Bangla-

According, various governments in Dhaka from

time to time have been emphasising on good

relations with the United States of America.

desh' worst natural disaster in 1991.

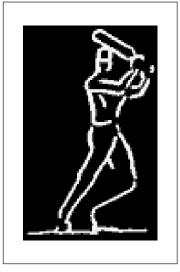
development in US-Bangladesh relations.

of opposition political parties.

**ACritique** 

Sarbjit Sharma

Price: Tk 400.00



# The Sport

Tri-Series in England Natwest Series 2003

Final

Live from London, England On ESPN, July 12 at 3:45 p.m.

**Explaining** 

nation and Conjecture

nineteenth century to the present day are

structurally similar to modern popular

theories, and to the speculations of earlier

philosophers. Reviewing a remarkable

range of thinkers writing in a variety of

European languages, he makes a convinc-

ing argument for this case. Even though the

book highlights the paucity of development

in scientific explanations of human origins, it

ends with an optimistic conclusion about the

power of the scientific approach to deliver

more reliable theories -- but only if it is

conscious of the baggage it carries over

Globalization and the Politics of

Development in the Middle East

Price: Tk. 1995.00

Clement M. Henry & Robert Springborg

At the beginning of the twenty-first century

countries in the Middle East and North Africa

contend with the threats and opportunities

of economic globalization, the driving force

of change in the contemporary world. As

Clement Henry and Robert Springborg

confirm in their straightforward and, at times

irreverent analysis of the region's response

to these challenges, it is globalization which

is the key to an understanding of economic

Through an investigation of the structures of

state and civil society, including financial

systems, they also demonstrate that there is a

correlation between economic performance

and democratization. In other words, the more

open and liberal a polity, the more effective is its

economy in responding to globalization. By

dividing countries in the region into particular

categories -- military dictatorships, as exempli-

fied by the "bullies" and the "bunker states,"

and monarchies and conditional democracies -

- the authors signal their conclusions: that

democracies and monarchies have a better

chance of benefiting from economic globaliza-

tion than the bullies and bunkers, but politics

stands in the way of necessary reforms, even in

the most promising prospects, such as Israel

in the Middle East

from popular discourse

Wiktor Stoczkowski

Price: Tk. 1995.00

**Origins** 

England

South Africa



# **Our Choice**

The Others

On Star Movies, July 17 at 8:30 p.m. A woman named Grace retires with her two children to a mansion on Jersey, towards the end of the Second World War, where she's waiting for her husband to come back from battle. The children have a disease that means they cannot be touched by direct sunlight without being hurt in some way. They will live alone there with oppressive, strange and almost religious rules until she needs to hire a group of servants for them. Their arrival will accidentally begin to break

the rules with unexpected consequences.

## Satellite TV



#### Elizabeth On HBO, July 16 at 9:30 p.m.

When catholic Queen Mary dies the succession goes to Elizabeth, the protestant halfsister Mary was not prepared to execute. The new queen finds herself surrounded by advisors, some supportive but some plotting to restore the catholic line by almost any means. She is also under pressure to marry and produce an heir, but her lover Lord Robert Dudley is not considered suitable. Elizabeth realises she has some decisions to make, the most important being who rules



#### Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil On HBO, July 14 at 11.30 p.m.

This panoramic tale of Savannah's eccentricities focuses on a murder and the subsequent trial of Jim Williams; self made man, art collector, antiques dealer, bon vivant and semi-closeted homosexual. John Kelso a magazine reporter finds himself in Savannah amid the beautiful architecture and odd doings to write a feature on one of intrigued by Williams from the start, but his curiosity is piqued when he meets Jim's violent, young and sexy lover, Billy. Later that night, Billy is dead, and Kelso stays on to cover the murder trial. Along the way he encounters the irrepressible Lady Chablis, a drag queen commedienne, Sonny Seiler, lawyer to Williams, whose famous dog UGA is the official mascot of the Georgia Bulldogs, an odd man who keeps flies attached to mini leashes on his lapels and threatens daily to poison the water supply, the Married Ladies Card Club, and Minerva, a spiritualist. Between being Jim's buddy, cuddling up to a torch singer, meeting every eccentric in Savannah, participating in midnight graveyard rituals and helping solve the mysteries surrounding Billy's murder, Kelso has his



#### The Other Side of Heaven On Star Movies, July 15 at 10:45

John Groberg (Christopher Gorham), a farm kid from Idaho Falls. crosses an ocean to become a missionary in the remote and exotic Tongan islands during the 1950's. He leaves behind a loving family and the true love of his life, Jean (Anne Hathaway). Through letters and musings across the sky, John shares his humbling and sometimes hilarious adventures with "the girl back home," and her letters buoy up his spirits in difficult times. John must struggle to overcome language barriers, physical hardship and deeprooted suspicion to earn the trust and love of the Tongan people he has come to serve. Throughout his adventure-filled three years on the islands, he discovers friends and wisdom in the most unlikely places. John Groberg's Tongan odyssey will change his life forever.



## The Three Musketeers

On Star Movies, July 16 at 7:00 p.m.

A parodic remake of the story of the young Gascon D'Artagnan, who arrives in Paris, his heart set on joining the king's Musketeers. He is taken under the wings of three of the most respected and feared Musketeers, Porthos, Aramis, and Athos. Together they fight to save France and the honor of a lady from the machinations of the powerful Cardinal Richelieu.

Books



On HBO, July 13 at 9:30 p.m. A film about two homicide detectives'

desperate hunt for a serial killer who justifies his crimes as absolution for the world's ignorance of the Seven Deadly Sins. The movie takes us from the tortured remains of one victim to the next as the sociopathic "John Doe" sermonizes to Detectives Sommerset and Mills -- one sin at a time. The sin of Gluttony comes first and the murderer's terrible capacity is graphically demonstrated in the dark and subdued tones characteristic of film noir. The seasoned and cultured Sommerset researches the Seven Deadly Sins in an effort to understand the killer's modus operandi while green Detective Mills scoffs at his efforts to get inside the mind of a killer.



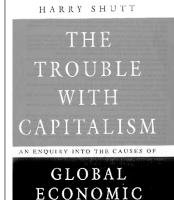
#### The Myth of Fingerprints On HBO, July 15 at 12.45 a.m.

Warren returns home for Thanksgiving after three years. His family consists of his oversexed sister and her long-suffering lover, his romantically distant younger brother, and his immature younger sister. The blackly comic story examines how each adult sibling has problems expressing feelings and explores their relationships with their



## Dude, Where's My Car?

On Star Movies, July 12 at 12:15 a.m. Jesse and Chester, two bumbling stoners, wake up one morning from a night of partying and cannot remember where they parked their car which prompts them on a journey to find it and along the way, they encounter a variety of people who include their angry girlfriends Wilma and Wanda whose house they trashed, an angry street gang, a transexual stripper hounding them for a suitcase full of stolen money, a cult of alien seeking fanatics, and a group of aliens in human form looking for a mystical device that could save or destroy the world.



FAILURE

The Trouble with Capitalism An Enquiry into the causes of Global Economic Failure

Price: Tk 400.00

Recent instability in the financial markets has shake confidence in the global economic order. Is the current variant of 'free market' capitalism in fact sustainable? This remarkable book explains its underlying economic fragility, as a result of:

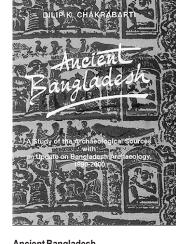
The growing redundancy of both capital and labour because of changing technologies and chronic show growth science the 1970s; \* The desperate struggle of organised capital to prevent its redundancy from being reflected in a 1930s-type collapse in the price of financial assets; \* The consequent distortion of official policy -- in areas like corporate subsidies, taxation, pensions and privatisation -- to help maintain the value of capital.

#### **Different Perspectives** Women Writing in Bangladesh

edited by Firdous Azim and Niaz Zaman

Price: Tk. 175.00 This is a collection of Bengali short stories and poems by some renowned as well as fledgling and experimental writers. The reader will find an accurate and modern translation of their works which have maintained their startling originality of theme and language.

The themes of the stories and poems are wide ranging. They deal with rural life, mother-daughter relationship, love, marriage and struggle in the face of overwhelming odds. The selections include sensitive writings which will lead the reader into a world shaped by tradition and patriarchy and should illuminate the conditions in which women write and a sense of the themes and literary modes they draw on or make use of.



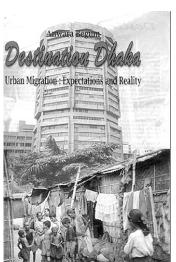
#### **Ancient Bangladesh**

A Study of the Archaeological sources with an Update on Bangladesh Archaeology, 1990-2000 Dilip K Chakraharti

Price: Tk 395.00 This book was first published in 1992. It is

still the only authoritative and comprehensive review of Bangladesh archaeology in the context of the archaeology of the subcontinent. The present print bears an update on the more recent developments in In the context of South Asian archaeology

as a whole, the archaeology of Bangladesh is viewed with general indifference. The iconography, sculptural, architectural, epigraphic and numismatic data from this area have long been drawing the attention of specialist scholars in these fields, but archaeologically the country is known principally for three sites: 1) Mahasthangarb, a major regional administrative centre of the Mauryas in the third century BC; (2) Paharpur, a Buddhist monastery which was established by the Pala King Dharmapala towards the end of the eight century AD; and (3) Mainamati, which houses more than fifty Buddhist sites (date between the seventh and the thirteen centuries AD) in a setting of low hills.



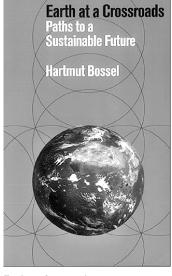
#### **Destination Dhaka** Urban Migration: Expectations and Reality

Anwara Begum Migration from rural regions to urban centres, especially the capital city of Dhaka, continues unabated. Popular hypotheses put forth to elucidate migration are inadequate. Migrants tend to be uneducated, ignorant, landless and unemployed in the countryside. They tend to be unskilled and ill equipped for the city. Yet they migrate with expectations of a better life in the metropolis. The urban benefits, fail to touch the majority of the poor migrants. Many of the migrants live in very poor housing with some living without a shelter. An anomalous juxtaposition of abject squalor against the rising splendor of modern constructions characterizes Dhaka's skyline. Despite the misery, people continue to pour in. The reason to migrate, it is suggested, would be some sort of expectation.



**PERSPECTIVES** 

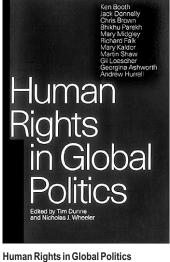
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#### Earth at a Crossroads Paths of a Sustainable Future

Hartmut Bossel, Price: Tk. 2495.00 Can we reach a future that is both environmentally and social sustainable? Many issues characterize global developments at the end of the twentieth century: globalization of the economy, unemployment, social problems, environmental pollution. resource waste, ecological destruction. Earth at a Crossroads offers a holistic

systems view of the development of human society within the natural environment on which it depends for support. The book stresses the dynamic nature of interconnected feedback processes, traces possible future paths of societal development and their impacts, determines their sustainability, and points at necessary changes. Two alternative visions of the future are presented: A Path A resulting from continuation of current trends, and a contrasting Path B that would result from adhering to principles of sustainability and protection of the natural system in the interests of future generations. This book will become an important reference in the discussion of global society's path into the

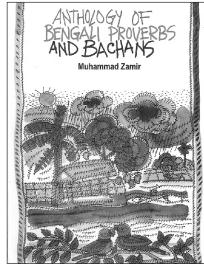


## Edited by Tim Dunne & Nicholas J. Wheeler

Price: Tk. 2195.00 There is a stark contradiction between the

theory of universal human rights and the everyday practice of human wrongs. This timely volume investigates whether human rights abuses are a result of the failure of governments to live up to a universal human rights standard, or whether the search for moral universals is a fundamentally flawed enterprise which distracts us from the task of developing rights in the context of particular ethical communities. In the first part of the book, chapters by Ken Booth, Jack Donnelly, Chris Brown, Bhikhu Parekh and Mary Midgley explore the philosophical basis of claims to universal human rights. In the second part, Richard Falk, Mary Kaldor, Marin Shaw, Gil Loescher, Georgina Ashworth, Andrew Hurrell, Ken Booth and Tim Dunne reflect on the role of the media, global civil society, states, migration, nongovernmental organisations, capitalism, and schools and universities in developing a global human rights culture.

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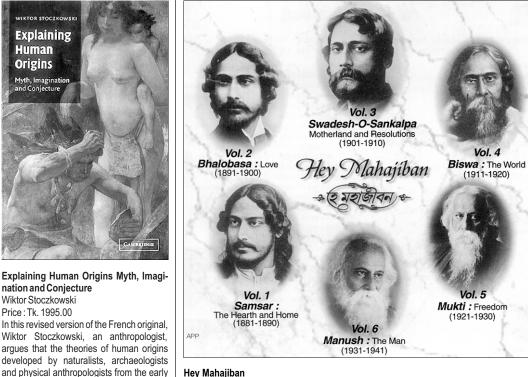
#### Anthology of Bengali Proverbs and **Bachans Muhammad Zamir**

Price: Tk. 250.00

The book re-acquaints the readers with rural sayings and folklore that have helped to make the Bangla speaking people what they are. They are an essential part of their cultural heritage and have contributed to the creation of their ethos and psyche. They have evolved as distinct expressions and are mostly of rural origin.

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# CDs & Cassettes



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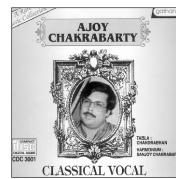


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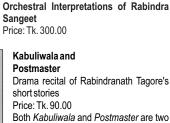


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