

Pick
of the
week

The Movie

Double Bill: Will Smith

August 21st at 10:00 on Star Movies

Fans of Will Smith's, and there are many, can see him in a Star Movies Double Bill, beginning with *Made in America*. He plays a friend of Whoopi Goldberg's character in this romantic comedy which puts an outrageous new spin on the meaning of family values. Later at 12 midnight Smith stars as a conman in *Six Degrees of Separation*. A witty contemporary satire about the vast differences and surprising similarities between society's "haves" and "have nots", the film is the story of a savvy black man named Paul who works his way into the home of the Kittredges a wealthy New York City couple.



The Serial

Arabian Nights

August 21st at 8:30pm on RTV

Crafty and jilted Hameera creates a magical palace out of nowhere. Dancers welcome Hameera and her beloved Shahzaada Talib in the palace. As soon as Hameera enters her bedroom with Talib she (image) of true love Princess Tayyaba appears in the bedroom. The image reminds Talib of his real identity. But under the magical spell of Hameera Talib does not recognize Tayyaba. He insults her and asks her to go away. The image flicks back into the palace and enters into the real body of Tayyaba. And the real Tayyaba decides to end her life since Talib no longer recognises her or even loves her.



The Premiere

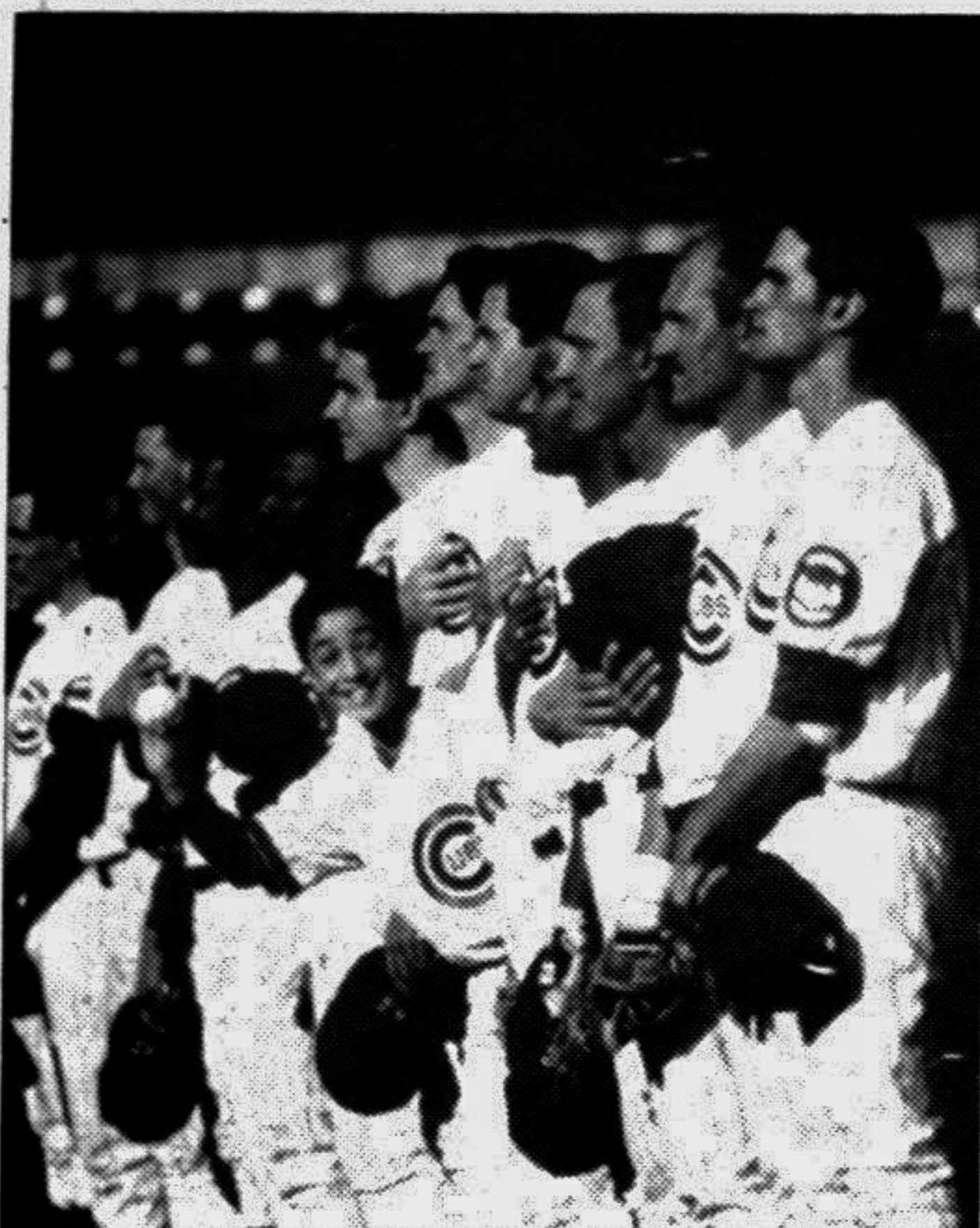
Train to Pakistan

August 15th at 10:00 on Star Plus

It is the summer of 1947. The frontier has become a scene of rioting and bloodshed. But in the village, where Sikhs and Muslims have always lived peacefully together, partition does not mean much. Life is regulated by the trains which rattle across the nearby bridge. Then a local money-lender is murdered. Suspicion falls upon Juggut Singh—the village gangster who, when not in jail, is carrying on a clandestine affair with a Muslim girl. A Western educated communist agent is also involved. A train comes over the bridge at an unusual time and the villagers discover that it is full of dead Sikhs.

Satellite TV MUST WATCH

Star Movies



Rookie of the Year, 16 August at 9:30 am



Baby's Day Out

August 18th at 10:00pm on Star Movies

A Star Movies favourite, *Baby's Day Out* sees a trio of kidnappers pose as baby photographers to gain access to the home of a wealthy Chicago family. Their plans to kidnap the baby and hide out go awry when the 9-month-old toddler crawls out of the apartment window and ventures downtown with an entourage—the kidnappers, parents, police—in hot pursuit. Starring Joe Mantegna, Lara Flynn Boyle, Jacob and Adam Worton.



Black Cobra

August 16 at 4:30 pm on Star Movies

A female photographer witnesses a murder being committed and takes a photo of the killer, thereby putting herself at the top of his personal hit list. Starring Fred Williamson and Eva Grimaldi.

Video

Out for Justice
Starring: Steven Seagal

BBC



Great Railway Journeys: Mark Tully in Pakistan, 17 August at 6:05 pm

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Channel V



Channel (V) The Ride with Boyzone? Saturday & Thursday 3:00 pm

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Star Plus



New Series: Gaatha

August 19th at 8:30 pm on Star Plus

At the dawn of India's 50th year of independence, some of the country's finest creative minds have come together to bring forth a spectacular television epic befitting this great occasion. *Gaatha* in Sanskrit means "Saga", and this mega-series is, indeed, a saga of two neighbouring families, one Hindu and the other Muslim; that reflects and is in turn reflected by the saga of the Indo-Pak sub-continent, whereby the families become metaphors for two communities and two nations. The patriarch of the Hindu family is Rai Bahadur Lala Durga Prasad an upwardly mobile lawyer whose story of rags to riches is also the story of his betrayal of the trust of a rich friend, and the duping of the latter's widow and only child. The patriarch of the Muslim family is Ashfaq Hussain an aristocrat with a taste for the finer things of life. He knows how to spend money, earning it is, however, a taboo for him. The hopes and fears, clashes and compromises, sacrifices and sacrifices of these two representative families reflect those of the nation as a whole. Through these families *Gaatha* depicts stories of 'new money' becoming 'old' and 'old money' doing the vanishing act, of slaves becoming masters and masters becoming slaves, of saints becoming businessmen and businessmen becoming saints.



Mystery Movies: Kavanagh Q. C.

August 15 at 2:30 on Star Plus

In the Ties That Bind, joining forces with Paddy Spence, an old friend from university days, Kavanagh fights for justice on behalf of a young man brutally killed, in a rare private prosecution for murder. The odds, however, are against him, since there are powerful reasons for the truth to be kept hidden. James Kavanagh agrees to take on — without fee — a rare private prosecution for murder. Although have only been four such prosecutions in the past century, Kavanagh is persuaded by his old university friend Paddy Spence. The client in question is George Foster, whose 17-year-old son Graham was abducted at gun point and tortured, before his body was fished from the Thames. The suspect is Ian Vincent, stepson of Rob Babb, who hides his real criminal activity behind an apparently innocent business front. Vincent alleges that Graham Foster stole his briefcase. But why should such a theft lead to murder?

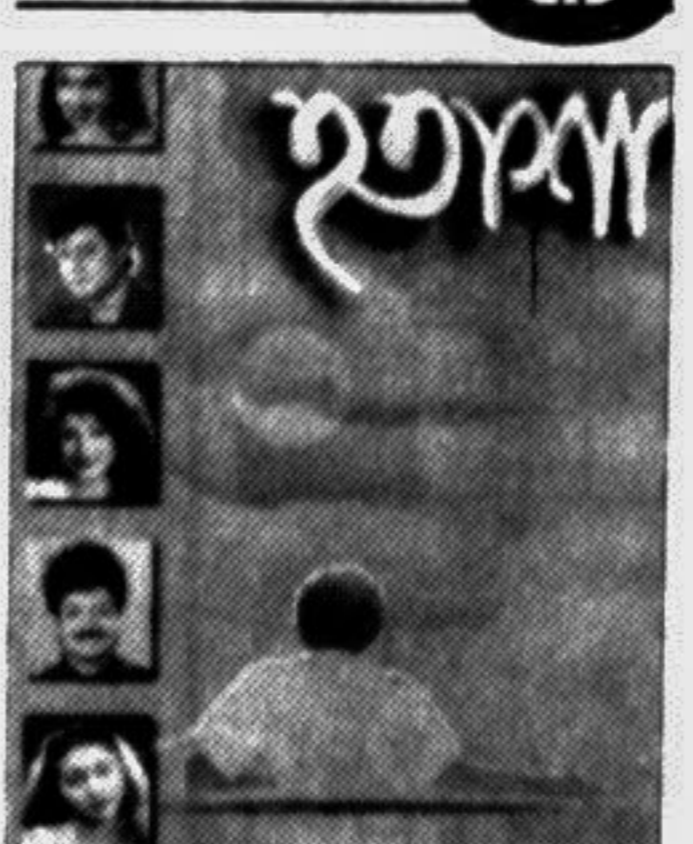
BBC documentary:

The Look (Part 2 of 6)

August 16 at 11:30 am on Star Plus

In *Scenting Money*, the look explores how designers can expand into multi-million dollar business, not by selling the clothes they design, but by using sophisticated marketing techniques to lend the kudos of their name to a range of other products from handbags to perfume. Pioneered by Pierre Cardin in the 60's, this money-spinning method of de-coupling fashion from clothes has been followed with consummate skill in the 80's and 90's by Giorgio Armani, Donna Karan and Calvin Klein. All three designers feature in the programme talking at length about how they played the licensing deal game to their financial benefit.

Cassettes



Hatasha

A collection of modern songs. Singers: Kumar Biswasjit, Dolly Sayantani, Agun, Moutusi, Shakila Zafar and many more. Production: Sangeeta. Courtesy: Surar Mela, Aziz Super Market, Shah bagh.



Cop Land

Starring: Sylvester Stallone
Courtesy: Rose Valley

New Books

AUTHOR OF SCHINDLER'S LIST

Thomas KENEALLY
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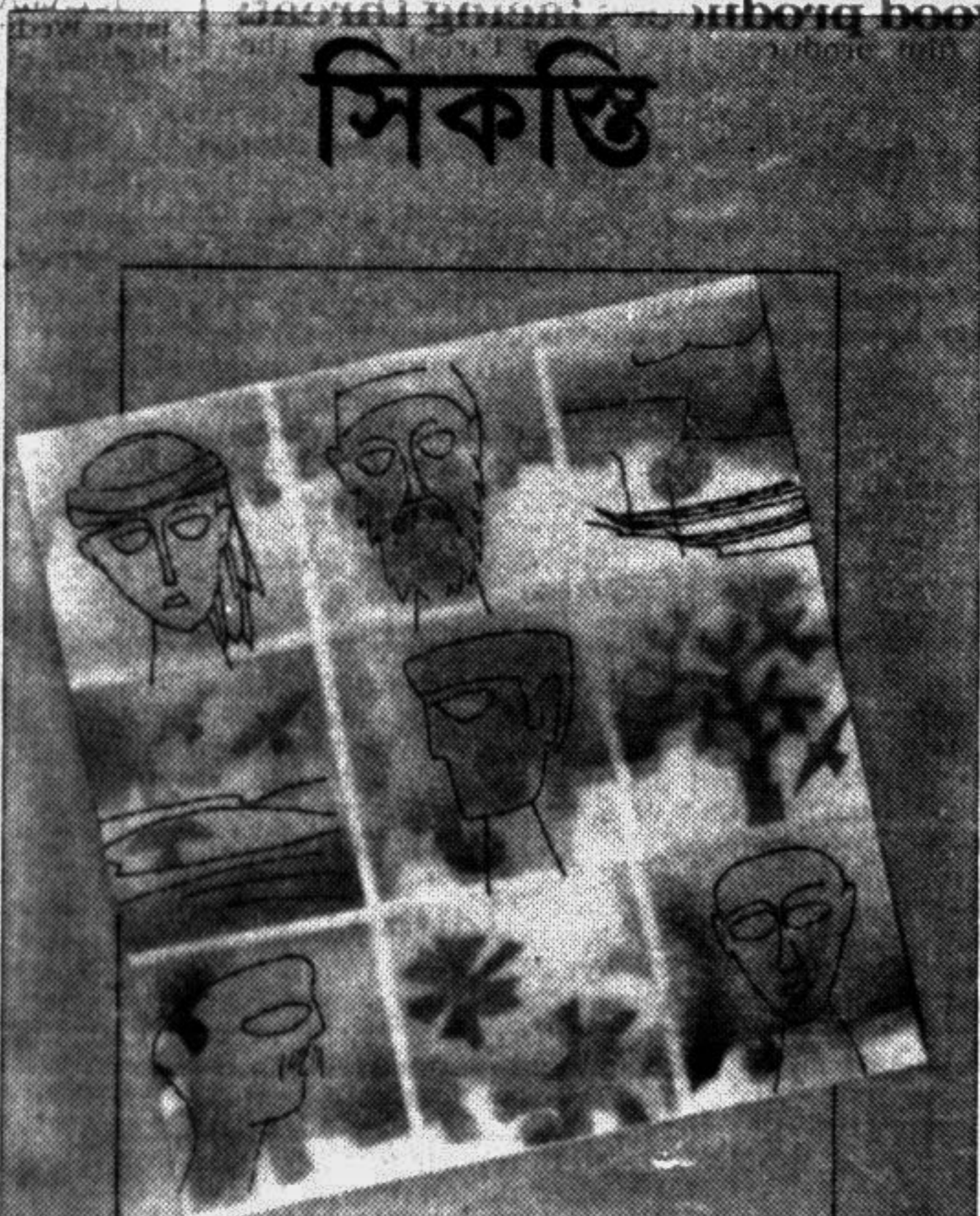
Author: Thomas Keneally

Publication: Scapitre

Price: Tk 390

Thomas Keneally is one of Australia's most distinguished writers, whose novels include the Booker Prize-winning *Schindler's Ark*, *Confederate and Gossip* from the *Forest* (both short-listed for the Booker Prize). In this book Keneally weaves the tale of a self-exile who found out at his horror that the hypocrisy and the hostility that he had been running away from tracked him down even in the remote corner of the earth that he hid himself into.

Source: Pathak Samabesh



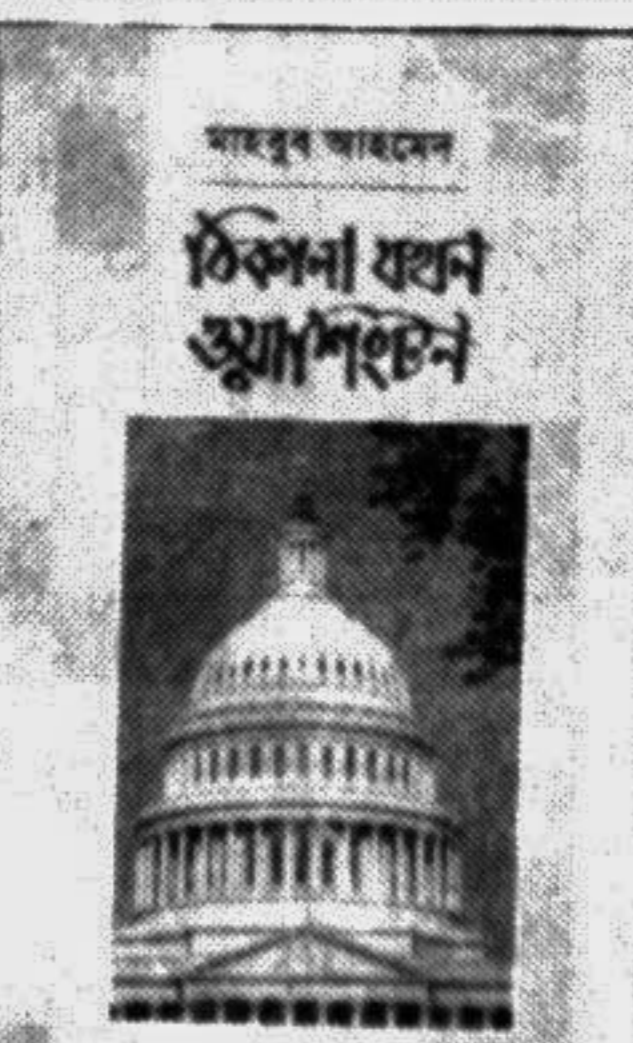
Sikosti

Author: Hasnat Abdul Hai

Publication: The University Press Ltd

Price: Tk 100

The experimental novelist Hasnat Abdul Hai presents us with another engaging saga of corruption and exploitation. The theme of 'erosion' has been cleverly woven into the plot to implicate metaphorically the greater issues of terrorism, political instability, moral degradation and so forth. The plot evolves round the characters torn between opposite pulls of urban and rustic lives. Past, present and future trickle into each other and often the terrestrial barrier is surpassed to bring in the supernatural. This contemporary novel is a must read for everyone.



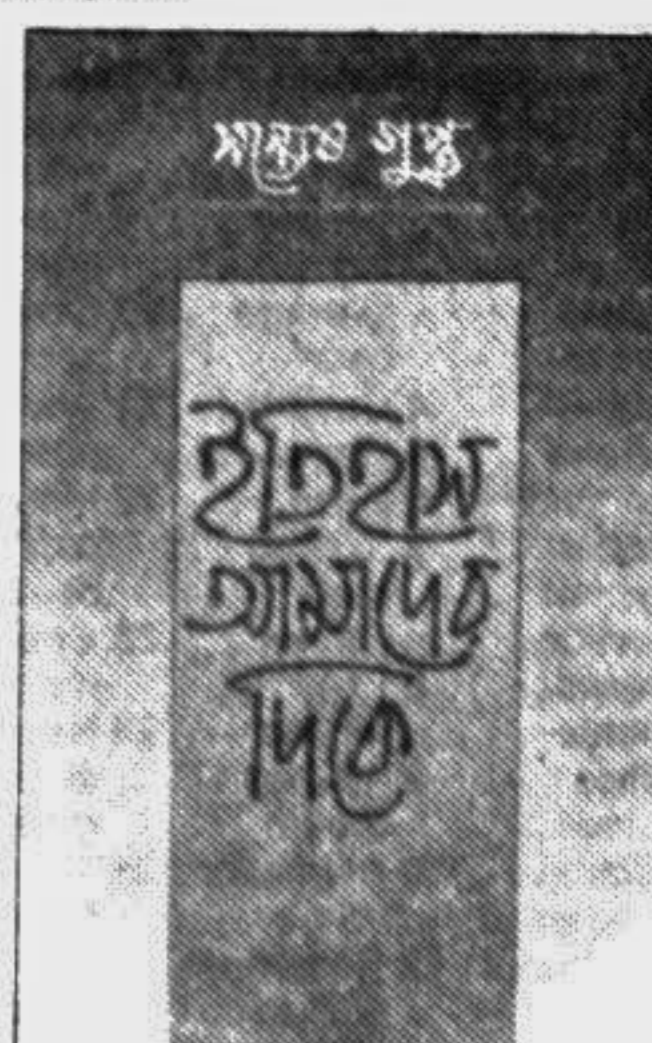
Thikana Jakhan Washington

Author: Mahboob Ahmed

Publication: The University Press Ltd

Price: Tk 130

This book includes recollection from his year-long sojourn in the USA where the people and the places they inhabit are passionately described, affording rare glimpses at the rich cultural heritage of this highly-developed nation.



Etihash Amader Dikey

Author: Santush Gupta

Publication: The University Press Ltd

Price: Tk 180

All along the history of our struggle for independence we have felt the presence of anti-liberation forces hideously active in undermining the glory of our independence to the extent of distorting and misinterpreting the history to serve their vested interests.

Spotlight



The Triumph of Humanity

Meraj Fakir Mas:

A Theatre production. Written and directed by Abdullah Al-Mamun. Cast: Ferdousi Majumdar, Abdullah Al-Mamun, Tropa Majumdar, Ramendu Majumdar. 7pm, Saturday August 16th, Mahila Samity Mancha

This drama was conceived as a reaction against Communism and its devastating impact on the lives of the millions living in the darkness of terrible ignorance in the rural backwaters of the country. Says, Production Co-ordinator Maruf Kabir "Inspired by the cases of Noorjahan, Yasmin, the victims of fanaticism..... our main objective was to create awareness against this fatowaraji". Religion is used as a means to subdue humanity, where bigotry reigns supreme. The ending comes as a surprise as religious faith becomes the redeeming factor to arouse the last traces of humanity in Meraj Fakir (the fanatic) who finally raises his voice against the evil.

The production of *Meraj Fakir Mas* in Calcutta was a huge success, receiving critical acclaim and favourable public opinion.