

Pick of the week



The Serial

Bakeman's Ooh La La

August 31st at 8:30 on Star Plus

Hosted by Neelam, *Ooh La La* is a "thematic Masala-Mix" countdown show. The theme of each episode is independent. The show tries to bring out the action of the anchor in all its splendour. The character that the anchor portrays is of a couch potato—A television addict housewife with a remote in her hand, constantly surfing the channels. The genesis of the theme of each episode and of all the characters played by her in the first episode is in the mind of the "couch potato" and she constantly gets transported into playing the main characters of the various kinds of shows she ends up watching on television.



The Sport

US Open 1997

Sept 1, 2, 3, 4 at 10:00 pm everyday on Star Sports

September 1 Men's and Women's 3rd Round, Men's and Women's Round of 16
September 2 Men's Round of 16/ Women's Quarter Finals
September 3 Men's and Women's Quarter Finals
September 4 Mixed Doubles Final



The Interview

Breakfast With Seshan

August 30th at 9:30 on Star Plus

A half-hour chat show on politics, business, society, sports and environment. The host is TN Seshan, former Election Commissioner who gained celebrity status since he took on the mantle of cleansing the election process in India. Mr Seshan brings with him a reputation which came out of a reported quote "test politicians for Breakfast". During his tenure as Election Commissioner, all political parties and political leaders were wary of Mr Seshan because of his bold manner of functioning. In this programme Mr Seshan will grill, chat, accuse and applaud prominent persons in public and people who make a difference to Indian society.

Satellite TV

BANGLA PROGRAMMES on ATN

Friday, 29 August
7:00pm Drama: Neel Samuda
Director: Jahangir Alam Suman
Starring: Film Actress Poppy

Saturday, 30 August
7:00pm Lip to Lip, part-5; 7:30pm Henolax
Drama serial
Saat Satero part-3
Writer: Shahabuddin Nagree

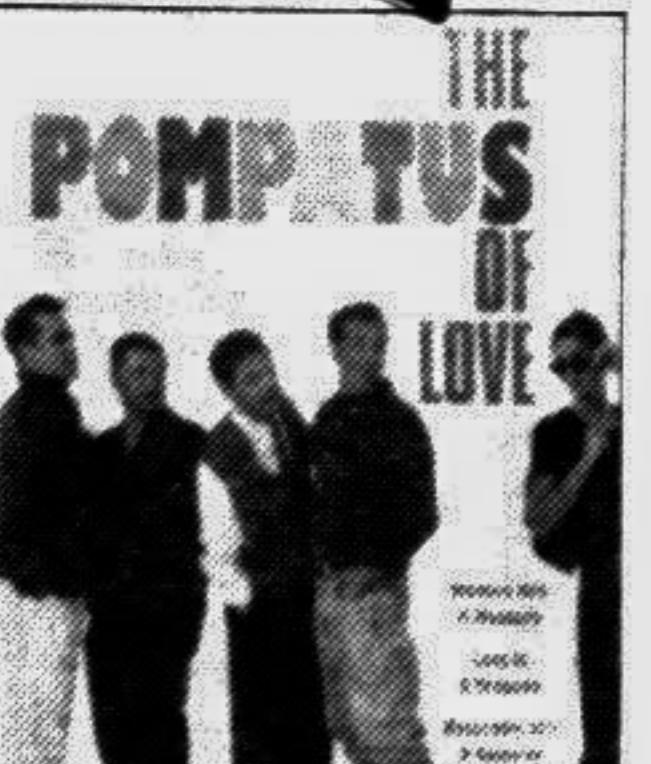
Sunday, 31 August
7:00pm Sheesha Bindu, part-5
Writer: Pratibha Bhattacharya
Director: Ferdousi Majumdar; 7:30pm Priya
Shilpi featuring Syed Abdul Hadi

Cassettes



INDIAN CLASSICAL MUSIC
Music Today is successfully bringing out the very best of classical Indian music for some time now. Here are some of its not-to-be-missed new releases. Each cassette is priced at Tk 110 and available at the local den of classical music Drupadee, Aziz Super Market, Shahbagh.
Shringar subtitled "many moods of love" comes in four volumes
Vol 1: Girja Devi (Thumri & Dhadra)
Vol 2: Shobha Gupta (Thumri & Dhadra)
Vol 3: Lakshmi Shankar (Thumri & Dhadra)
Vol 4: Ajoy Chakraborty (Thumri & Dhadra)
Qawwali series is in two volumes featuring Jafar Husain Khan. *Jugalbandi* is in three volumes
Vol 1: Sitar and santoor — featuring Buddhadev Mukherjee and Bhajan Sopori
Vol 2: Sitar and violin — featuring Shahid Parvez and Faiyaz Hussain Khan
Vol 3: Pakhawaj and tabla — featuring Arjun Shejwal and Fazal Qureshi
Ashwani Bhide Deshpande featuring in *Young Master Series* with Raga Bhimpalasi and Shuddha Kalyan.

Video



POMPATUS OF LOVE (Comedy)
Director: Russell
Jon Cryer
Adrian Pasdar
Mia Sara
Kristin Scott Thomas
Jane Ladd • Bebe Buell • Kelly Preston

FACE OFF (Thriller/ Action)
John Travolta
Nicolas Cage



DEATH MACHINE (SFI/ ACTION)
Source: Rose Valley

Screening



NOW IN CASSETTE

The most gifted film-maker of our time Moshedul Islam's — who won silver peacock award for best direction in the 10th International Film Festival in India — three acclaimed films Dukhai, Dipu Number Two and Chaka are really for small screen. The cassette version of the films will be officially released 31 August at German Cultural Centre at 5:30pm. The ceremony will be followed by the screening of some selected scenes. The cassettes also will be on sale.

Theatre

ANAMMI ANGANA

The most prodigious writer after great Rabindranath Tagore in Bengali Literature was perhaps Buddhadev Bose. Bose has written some verse drama of extraordinary intensity. Of them, *Anammi Angana* is certainly the most celebrated and acclaimed by critics and theatre groups. Mukta Padabali, a theatre group, is bringing *Anammi Angana* on stage this Friday at Russian Cultural Centre. Time: 7 pm. Address: House 510, Road 7, Dhanmondi, R.A.



KHATTA TAMASHA

4 September at Mahila Samiti at 7:00 pm

A play by Syed Shamsul Huq

Directed by Aly Zaker

Set in the famine of 1943, the play examines the predicament of three young women who, in a village in northern Bangladesh, had fallen victim to the wrath of the famine. Bereaved at the loss of their near and dear ones they went from door-to-door for help and succor. The response of the society, more significantly the men of the society, towards these women is one of indifference. The three women, now at the end of their patience, decide to pursue the oldest trade in the society. They publicly declare that they have no alternative but to take to prostitution. The society is suddenly awoken by this stark assertion and endeavours to pull all its resources to avoid the so-called catastrophe. They try to bribe, cajole and tempt the three women out of their resolve. The dramatis personae includes: Ananta Heera, Khaled Khan, Afsana Mimi, Bipasha Hayat, Zafar Rahman, Ataur Rahman, Asaduzzaman Noor, Aly Zaker, Sara Zaker.

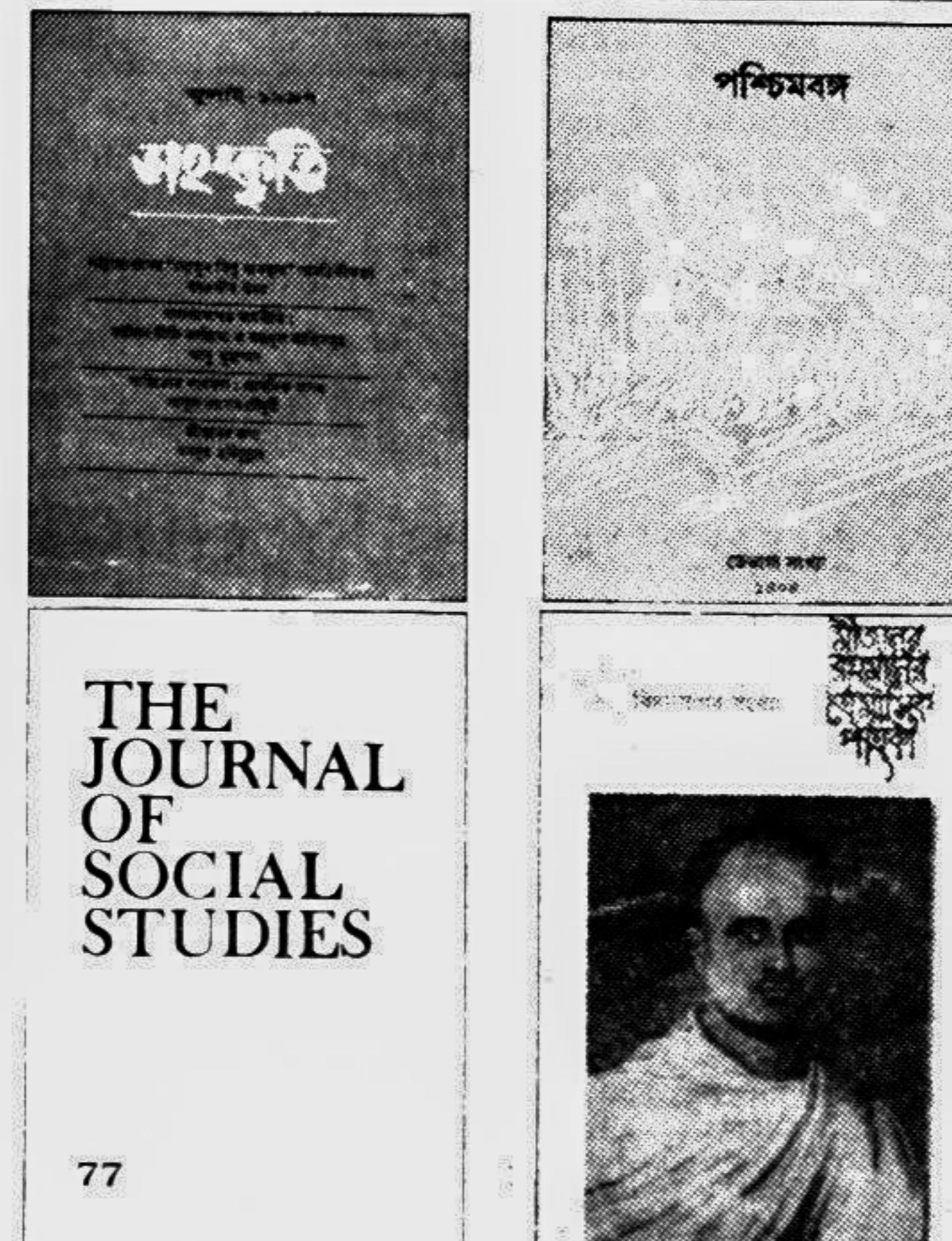
Bookshop



Boi-Patra

As you come from Shahbagh to Elephant Road you will left Aziz Super Market on right — a shopping centre which to the book lovers known as boi para. The bookshops of this market are marked for their browser-friendliness. But the book store that stands out for its rich collection of books on philosophy, anthropology, sociology and world classics is no doubt Boi-Patra. You will get welcome as you come in by the shopkeeper Arif and are then left to trawl the shelves at your leisure. With a formidable range of studies Arif can be your good guide if you are not sure about which title is the best introduction for a certain subject you are looking for.

Magazine & Journal

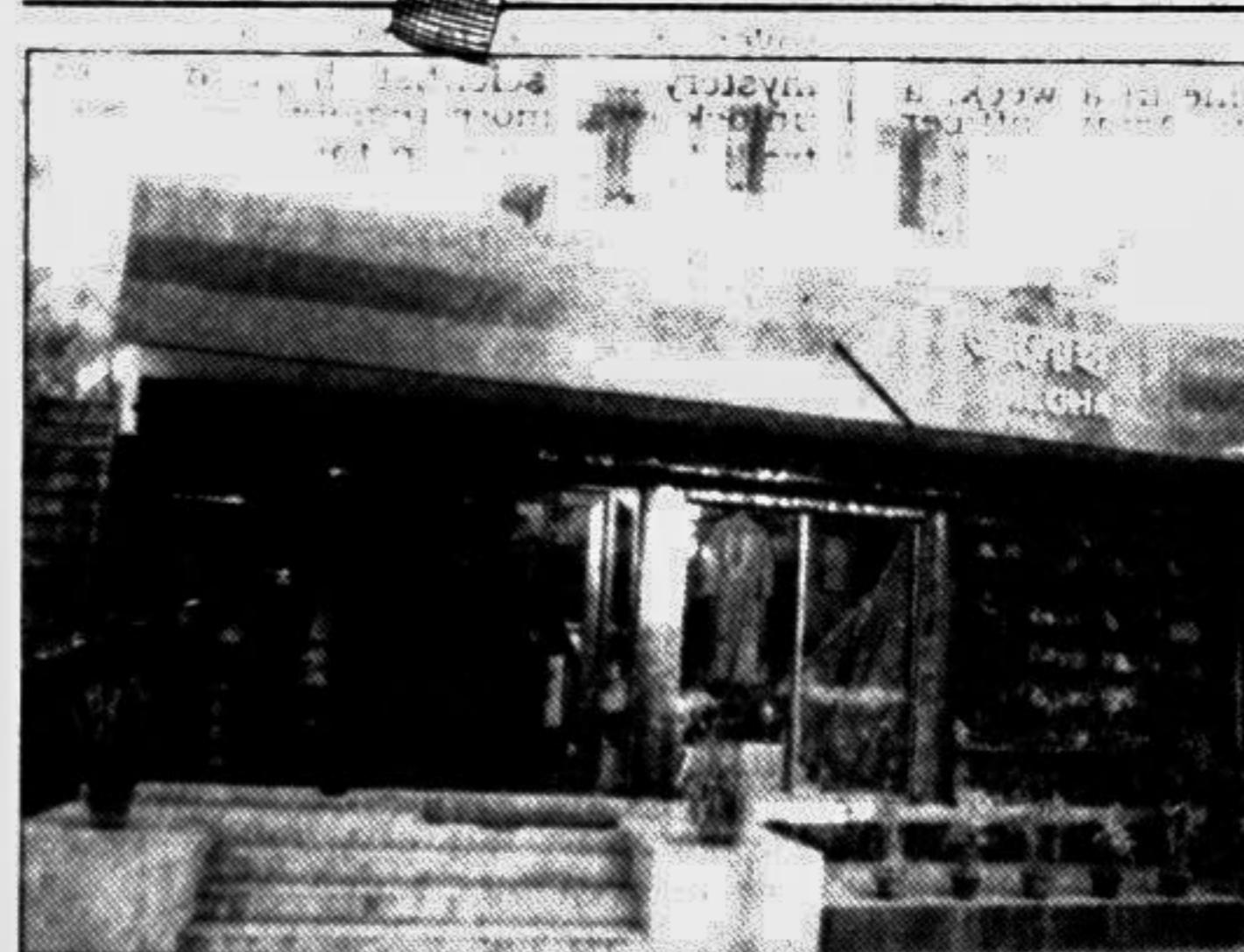


SOME IMPORTANT PUBLICATIONS

Four new magazines of scholarly interest have hit the bookstores. Priced at Tk 200 *Mizanur Rahaman Troimashik Patrika* no doubt is going to be a collectors' issue which devoted its present volume on the great social reformer and intellectual Bidyasagar. *Pashchimbanga* has focused its current issue on Tebhaga movement. You can get it at Tk 40. *The Journal of Social Studies*' present issue is rich with some insightful essays. Price Tk 30. *Sangskriti* shades light on imperialism's new face after Cold War in its cover story. Price Tk 10.

Available at Pathak Samabesh, Shahbagh

Shopping



Aloha

What is it? A lonely shop as it were Aloha, gift emporium, nestles next to Green Squire. Devoted to revive the traditional Bangali crafts, the shop has an enviable variety of goodie you will love to buy. Want to add colour to your bedroom but bored with what is available in the posh arcades? Don't worry try Aloha's tribal people produced Monipuri bed sheet and bed cover. And successfully retrieved from oblivion a rich collection of tapestry is also there to quench your aesthetic thirst. Oh yes! Don't forget to look for the silver jewellery collection that Aloha has.

Bhojan Bilas



Khabar Dabar

For the urbanites, specially those who live in the 'new' part of the city, the taste of many traditional mughal dish erased from memory. Here is a finger-licking news for them. If you want to refresh your memories of emperial food try *morog polo* of Khabar Dabar in Chawk Bazar. Choose a holiday to avoid thick and suffocating traffic of 'old' Dhaka if you don't have an urgent piece of business there. But even if you decide to brave the summer heat and despairing traffic you will not regret it after having the mouth-watering dish. And the price? Very competitive. Taka 60 for a plate which comes with the sumptuous Khabar Dabar special free dal.

New Books



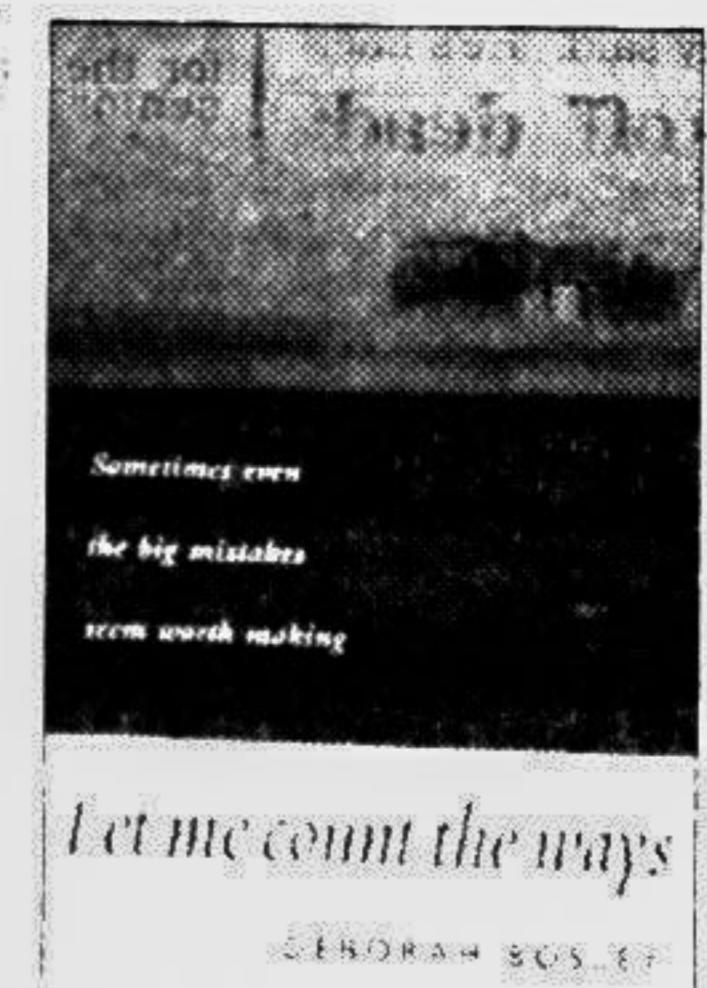
OPENING MOVES

Author: Shrilal Shukla
Publisher: Penguin India
Price: Tk 125

When Meduram, alias 'Neta', a daily-wage labourer on a construction site, suddenly disappears, his absence leave everyone baffled. The police believe that Neta was involved in an accident, but 'Munshi' Santosh Kumar, the foreman, who is popular among the workers as their spokesman and leader, suspects foul-play. Neta is hospitalised in a critical condition and soon succumbs to his wounds.

Authentic, moving and eloquent, *Opening Moves* is another virtuous performance by Shrilal Shukla, the author of *Raag Darbari*, the critically acclaimed bestseller.

Translated from the Hindi by David Rubin



LET ME COUNT THE WAYS

Author: Deborah Bosley
Publisher: Century
Price: Tk 90

Bright, outspoken but dissatisfied Frances is in a dead-end job in a second-hand bookshop in Charlotte Street when her brother takes her to a party at the Royal Institute of British Architects in Portland Square. There she meets Finn, a handsome and glamorous American upon whom she decides to heap her fantasies of Mr Right. Ignoring all the signs she moves with him to San Francisco, where they marry, and little by little she has to come to terms with the fact that he has been less than honest with her. Their marriage is a sham and slowly they drift apart.

Luminous with pain, yet never without wit and humour, *Let me count the ways* is a first novel of extraordinary intensity.



Exquisite Corpse

Author: Robert Irwin
Publisher: Dedalus
Price: Tk 1300

Exquisite Corpse is set in London, Paris and Munich in the 1940s and 50s. Like *The Arabian Nightmare* and *The Limits of Vision*, Robert Irwin's new novel is centrally concerned with the strange powers of the imagination.

Available at Pathak Samabesh, Shahbagh



BAHUMATRIK JOYTIRMAY

Selected writings of Humayun Azad
Publisher: Agami
Pages: 336
Price: Tk 300

Beginning as a poet of emotional wariness Humayun Azad eventually ventured boldly and confidently into variety of areas and genres. He is the most trenchant critic of poetry writing today; a novelist of repute; an essayist loved and hated for his iconoclastic approach and argument and an accomplished columnist. This prodigious author, writing incessantly for 30 years, has recently completed 50 years. The volume *Bahumatrik... is an anthology of his selected writing, a definitive guide to the psyche of the most non-conformist writer of our time.*

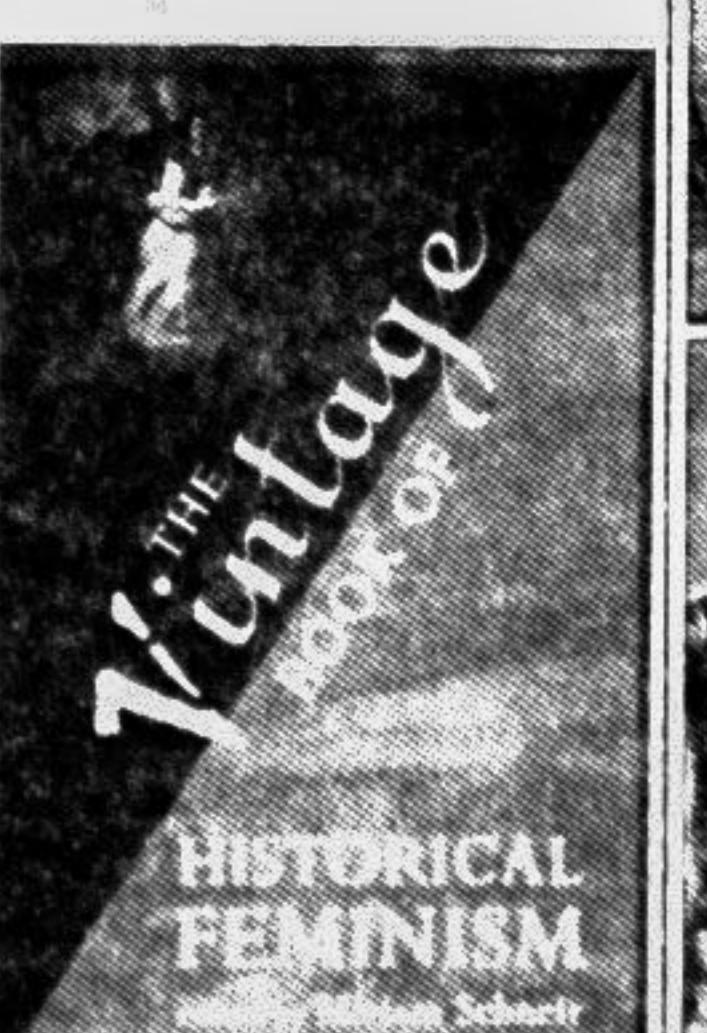


SURVIVING MEN

The Smart Women's Guide to staying on top
Publisher: Penguin India
Price: Tk 300

Bestselling novelist and columnist Shobha D' De gives a provocative, no-holds-barred guide to the Indian man.

Are men worth the time women spend on them? Is it possible to actually love a man? Are men any good in bed? What do men like about women? What do women like about men? How does a woman train a man? Can men and women ever be friends? — the questions she asks and answers.



MEMORY OF DHAKA

Memories are what from where the creative works stem. For Watanabe memories of the Dhaka city are precious and as the creme rises to the top so do the scents of the city she fumed in her mind come into fore in the form of painting. The reticent and shy Watanabe has put up her sweet memories of Dhaka against the wall of Zainul Gallery, Institute of Fine Arts, Shahbagh. The week-long show stays open till 31 August everyday from 10am-7pm.