

## PICK OF THE WEEK



### The Movie

**Outbreak**  
on HBO on January 5 at 10:00  
A lethal virus has wiped out an African village. Now, it has broken out in a small California town and, if it isn't stopped, it could devastate America... and the world. Dustin Hoffman stars in this tense techno-thriller as the leader of a team of dedicated scientists assigned to assess the damage.



### The Sport

**3rd and final cricket Test**  
Live on Star Sport at 6: 25 am  
South Africa  
Vs  
Australia



### Our Choice

**1st Test Cricket**  
Live from Dhaka Stadium on BTV and Ekushey from December 9-13 at 9:30 am  
Bangladesh  
Vs  
Pakistan

### Satellite TV



**Boys on the Side** on HBO January 6 at 9:30  
Sometimes 'family means the people who love you the most. Three of Hollywood's finest actresses give 'tour-de-force performances' (Variety) in this 'funny, lively, heart-wrenching' (NY Daily News) comedy drama about three very different women traveling cross-country together. Whoopi Goldberg plays a cynical singer looking for a life anywhere but in New York. Mary-Louise Parker is an uptight real-estate agent longing to see her childhood home. And Drew Barrymore is a charming airhead escaping from an abusive relationship. 'The first great movie of 1995... an irresistible blend of laughter and tears... a can't miss prospect' (Hollywood Reporter). Directed by Herbert Ross (Steel Magnolias).



**Beethoven's 2nd** on HBO on January 7 at 10:00 pm  
So Beethoven is America's favorite St Bernard and is happy in the Newton's home. Even his hapless master George just loves him. But having almost the perfect scenario can get boring and soon the pooch needs more... in fact he needs to be a papa. He soon falls in love with the fetching Missy and is ready to have the patter of 24 little paws running around the house. So George Newton now has to contend with six little St Bernard's who have the same talent as their father to get into a whole lot of trouble.



**Cape Fear** on HBO on January 8 at 10:00 pm  
For the past 14 years is his prison cell, Max has been planning how to make his lawyer Sam pay for his 'crime' not keeping him out of the big house. 14 years not a short time to harden the body, sharpen the mind and plan the most diabolical revenge, and Sam is about to reap the benefits of Max's hard labour. Now impervious to pain, Max hunts Sam down and begins terrorizing him, his wife Leigh and his gullible teenage daughter Danielle.



**Escape From LA** on HBO on January 9 at 10:00 pm  
2013 the City of Angels has deteriorated into the City of Lost Souls a penal colony for the most trivial of moral crimes. An earthquake shakes LA loose from the mainland, and renamed the New Moral America, it is home to those who dare to flout the new moral code and the bloodthirsty gangs and psychos trained to terminate them. But none of that seems to peak the President's interest. But this will his daughter has stolen a doomsday device, hijacked Air Force One and fled to LA.



**Urban Legend** on HBO on January 10 at 10:00 pm  
Urban legends are the stuff of, well... legend! And also the topic of this horror flick. Professor Wexler teaches American Folklore at Pendleton University where, legend has it, a psychotic academic once murdered himself and six students. One-by-one, a series of bizarre deaths occur, all mirroring the urban legend told about the university murders.

### Cassettes & CDs



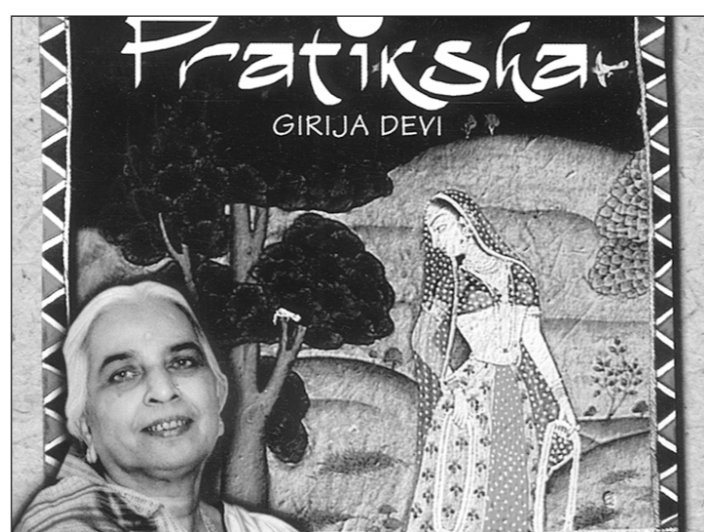
**The Loves of Runa Lila**  
A collection of Hindi songs Runa sang for movies, Price: Tk 350



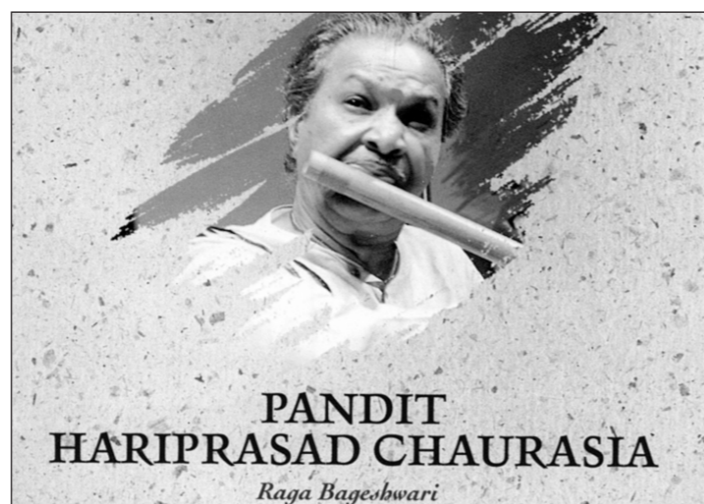
**Chiradinar Priya Gaan**  
Sandhya Mukherjee, in two volumes, Price: Tk 600



**Sabarey Basho Bhalo**  
Songs of Atul Prasad and D.L. Roy sang by Pramila Chakravarty, Price: Tk 300



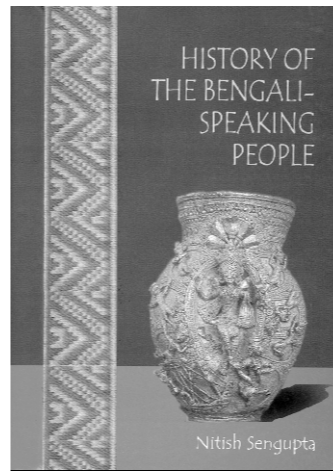
**Pratiksha**  
Girija Devi  
Thumri, dadra, Kajri and Chaiti, Price: Tk 350



**Pandit Hariprasad Chaurasia**  
Raga Bageshwari, Price: Tk 500

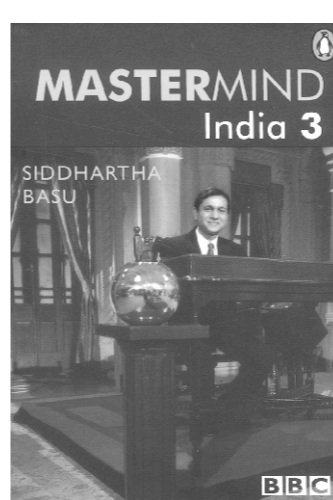
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### New Books



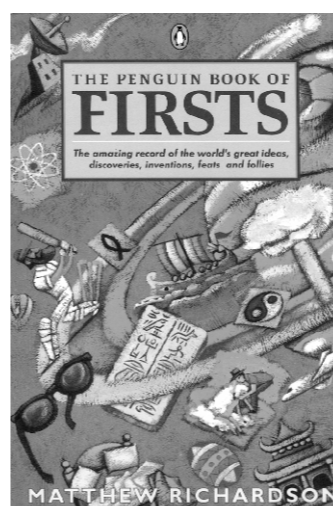
**History of the Bengali-Speaking People**  
By Nitish Sengupta, Price: Tk 900.00

The book is a history of the people who speak Bengali in Bangladesh and the Indian state of West Bengal and other Bengali-speaking areas of the country from the earliest recorded times to 1947 when the Indian subcontinent was partitioned into India and Pakistan, and nearly two-thirds of undivided Bengal went out of India. The study starts with the origin of the Bengalee race and traces the growth of Bengali language, which is the one great motivating force that binds together racially different people who converse in this language.



**Master Mind India 3**  
By Siddhartha Basu, Price: Taka 293.00

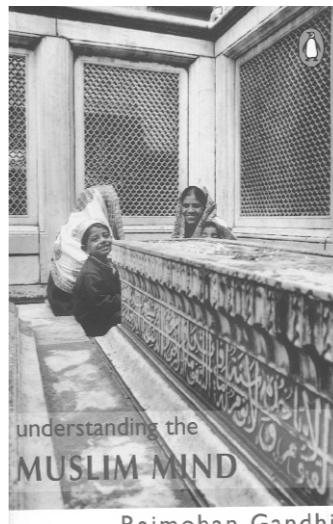
Mastermind India is the Indian incarnation of Mastermind, the most respected television quiz show in the world. For three seasons now, the show has kept viewers of BBC World glued to their screens with its depth and range of questions. The questions here will test the knowledge of the most ardent of quiz buffs. In addition to eighty-four arduous sets of general knowledge questions, there are areas of specialization on politics, history, economics, mythology, cinema, literature, sports and natural history, ranging from Test match wicket-keepers of India to the life and works of Paul Simon, from the reign of the Hittites to the literature Beat generation, and from the colonization of China to the history of Apple computers.



**The Penguin Book of Firsts**  
By Matthew Richardson, Price: Tk. 443.00

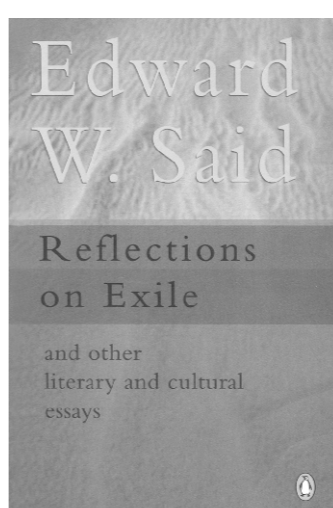
As this fascinating, witty and surprising book reveals, we quite often attribute firsts in world history to the wrong people. Many 'modern' ideas and inventions actually date back to ancient times. The use of steroids can be traced back to the Sung Dynasty, and oral contraceptives were popular in ancient Greece. A Communist revolution took place long before Lenin and Trotsky. Within these pages, you'll discover that many things we hold dear began outside their traditional homelands. The famous croissant comes not from France but from Austria. Canada and the US played international cricket long before Australia and England, and India ink was first made in China. India has its own firsts to add to the list: the world's first artificial harbour is at the Harappan site of Lothal in Gujarat; Kautilya's Arthashastra, written over 2000 years ago, is the first to mention a general anaesthetic.

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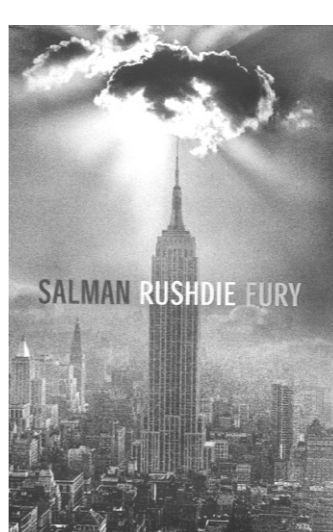
**Understanding the Muslim Mind**  
By Rajmohan Gandhi, Price: Tk. 375.00

Written in 1984-85 and published in the United States in 1986, Understanding the Muslim Mind was first brought out in India by Penguin Books in 1987. The public has been indulgent towards its reprints, and now the book appears in a new edition. I welcome the opportunity to write a fresh preface, particularly in light of the interest drawn by my study of South Asian history, Revenge and Reconciliation, which was published by Penguin at the end of 1999.



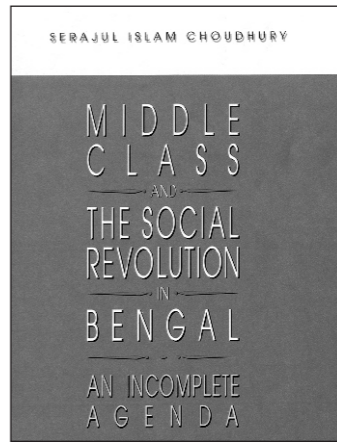
**Reflections on Exile and other Literary and Cultural Essays**  
By Edward W. Said, Price: Tk 743.00

This long awaited collection brings together Edward Said's essays on literary and cultural topics from over three decades. As the title piece, 'Reflections on Exile', makes clear, the fate of Said's own exile and the fate of the Palestinians have given both form and intimacy to the questions he has pursued. Taken together, these essays give a rare insight into the formation of a critic and the development of an intellectual vocation. They cover a wide and sometimes surprising range of topics from the heroics of Tarzan and the machismo of Ernest Hemingway to the shades of difference that divide Alexandria and Cairo. Said also offers major reconsiderations of writers and artists such as George Orwell, Giambattista Vico, Georg Lukacs, E M Cioran, Naguib Mahfouz, Herman Melville, Joseph Conrad, Antonio Gramsci and Raymond Williams.



**Fury**  
A novel by Salman Rushdie, Tk. 593.00

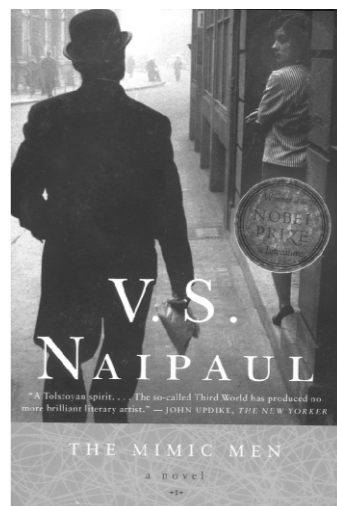
Malik Solanka, historian of ideas and dollmaker extraordinaire, steps out of his one day, abandons his family without a word of explanation, and flees to New York. There's a fury within him, and he fears he has become dangerous to those he loves. He arrives in New York at a time of unprecedented plenty, in the highest hour of America's wealth and power, seeking to 'erase' himself. Eat me America, he prays, and give me peace.



**Middle Class and the Social Revolution in Bengal**  
By Serajul Islam Choudhury, Price: Tk. 250.00

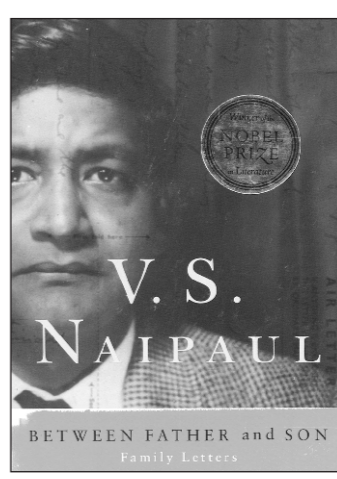
Since the middle of the nineteenth century, the need for a social revolution has been felt and talked about by the middle class in Bengal. But, ironically, it was the middle class itself that has hindered the revolution. The state has changed in size and name but not in character, indicating that relationships within society have remained basically as they were before. This book examines the double role of the Bengali middle class. Middle class's participation in politics and achievements in the fields of education, literature and culture have been remarkable.

Source: University Press Limited



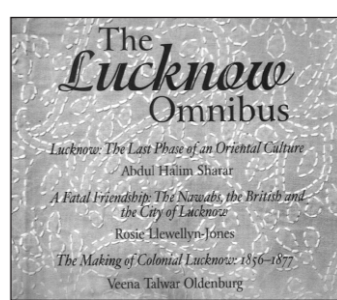
**The Mimic Men**  
Anovel by V.S. Naipaul, Tk. 780

Born of Indian heritage, raised in the British-dependent Caribbean island of Isabella, and educated in England, forty-year-old Ralph Singh has spent a lifetime struggling against the torment of cultural displacement. Now in exile from his native country, the former government minister has taken up residence at a quaint hotel in a London suburb, where he is writing his memoirs as a means to impose order on a chaotic existence.

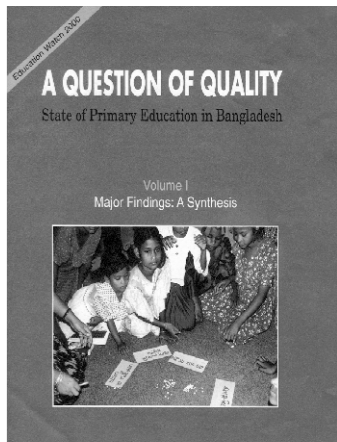


**Between Father and Son**  
Family Letters  
By V.S. Naipaul, Tk. 780

At seventeen, V.S. Naipaul wanted to "follow no other profession" but writing. Awarded a scholarship by the Trinidadian government, he set out to attend Oxford, where he encountered a vastly different world from the one he yearned to leave behind. Separated from his family by continents, and grappling with depression, financial strain, loneliness, and dislocation, "Vido" bridged the distance with a faithful correspondence that began shortly before the young man's two-week journey to England and ended soon after his father's death four years later.

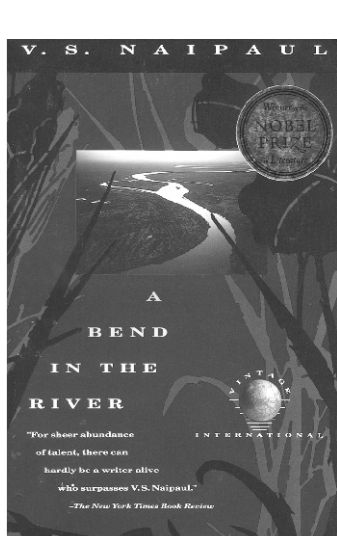


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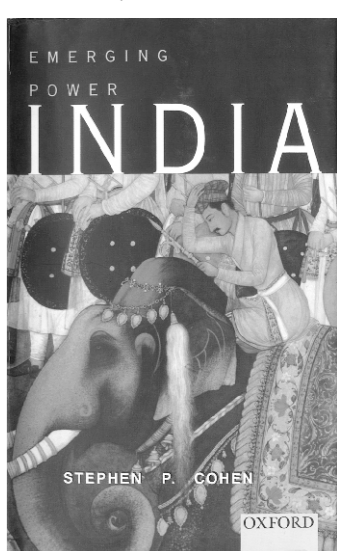
**A Question of Quality**  
State of Primary Education in Bangladesh  
Volume 1  
Major Findings: A Synthesis

State of Primary Education in Bangladesh  
Editors: A Mushtaque R Chowdhury, Resheda K Choudhury, Samir R Nath, Manzoor Ahmed, Mahmudul Alam  
Price: Tk. 325.00/-  
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.



**A Bend in the River**  
Anovel by V.S. Naipaul, Tk. 780

In this "brilliant novel" (The New York Times) V.S. Naipaul takes us deeply into the life of one man an Indian who, uprooted by the bloody tides of Third World history, has come to live in an isolated town at the bend of a great river in a newly independent African nation. Naipaul gives us the most convincing and disturbing vision yet of what happens in a place caught between the dangerously alluring modern world and its own tenacious past and traditions.



**Emerging Power India**  
By Stephen P. Cohen, Price: Tk. 800

This book is one of the first to offer an assessment of India's strategic and political power since it became a declared nuclear weapons state in 1998 and fought the Kargil war in 1999. Stephen Cohen makes the case that India has become, with China and Japan, one of the three most important states in Asia.

**The Lucknow Omnibus**  
Price: Tk 800

This omnibus brings together, for the first time, three well-known works on the history and culture of one of India's premier cities during colonial rule. Together they examine the complex relationship between the British and the Nawabi, which resulted in the legendary 'pomp and refinement' of Lucknow.