

PICK OF THE WEEK



The Movie

BARB Wire
on HBO January 13 at 9:30
The irony is hard to miss Baywatch babe Pamela Anderson Lee playing a tough-as-nails, gun-toting, action heroine whose tagline is.... "Don't call me 'babe.'" Based on the cult comic strip of the same name, Barb Wire (Lee, Baywatch: Forbidden Paradise) is the owner of the Hammerhead Bar and Grille when she isn't out smashing bad guys to a pulp.



The Sport

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



Our Choice

The Mummy
on HBO January 12 at 10:00
Not since the Indiana Jones series has a picture been able to combine a sense of adventure, mystique and comedy so well. Brendan Fraser is Rick O'Connell, a dashing legionnaire who stumbles upon the ruins of an ancient Egyptian city where an evil high priest, Imhotep (Vosloo), has been buried, cursed to remain undead for all eternity for indulging in a love affair with the Pharaoh's mistress.

Satellite TV



Drama serial Bandhan on Ekushey on January 16 at 8 pm. Imran problem persists in the family. The whole family appears to be a mental shock. To ease up the situation, Tarek comes forward in aid of Shirin and Ashgar



Drama serial Saat Char Dui on Ekushey on January 15 at 8:30 pm. Nitu's father at the insistence of her stepmother sends her to a far off boarding school. Nitu faces a unpleasant reality at the new place.



Deha Tari, a programme on Bengali mystic song on Ekushey on January 15 at 7:00 pm



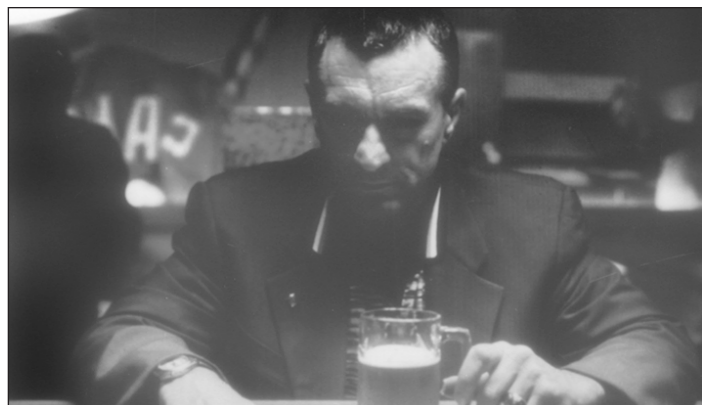
Python on HBO January 16 at 10:00. With a cast led by Starship Troopers' Casper Van Dien, MTV babe Jenny McCarthy and Freddie Krueger himself, Robert Englund, expect nothing but one wild rollercoaster ride of a movie about a giant, genetically-engineered python which escapes and starts picking off the residents of a small US town.



ED on HBO January 14 at 10:00. At first glance, this may sound like a recipe for disaster, a man playing second banana to a chimpanzee? However, the result is not only consistently entertaining but frequently laugh-out-loud funny. The man in question is Matt LeBlanc who plays Cooper, a minor league pitcher experiencing a pitching slump. His dubious luck brings him an amazing roommate, a new third baseman named Ed, who just happens to be a chimp with amazing throwing skills.



Outbreak on HBO January 17 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. What Colonel Daniels (Hoffman, Hero) doesn't realize is, the US army is watching his every move. This dynamite suspense thriller directed by Wolfgang Peterer, (In The Line Of Fire) "demonstrates a smooth stylistic savvy that keeps the film highly absorbing from beginning to end." (Variety).

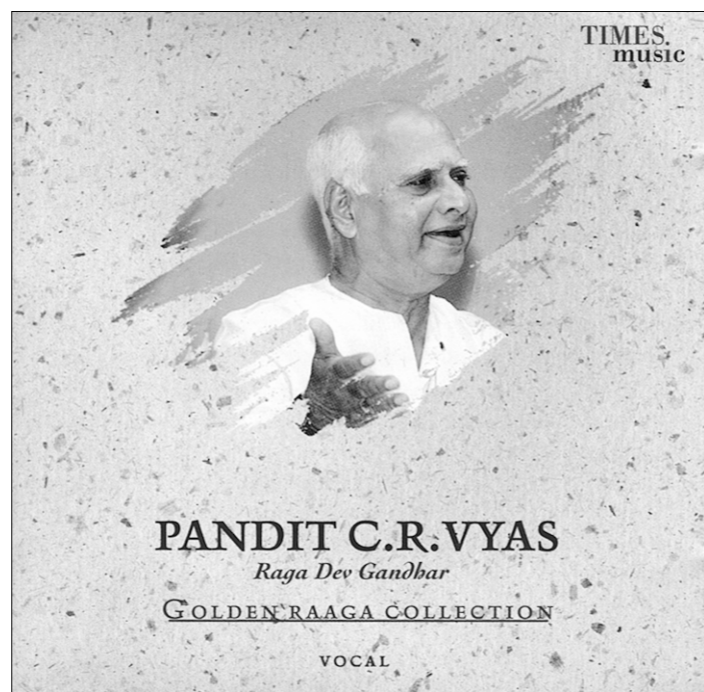


The Fan on HBO January 15 at 10:00. Baseball superstar slugger Bobby Rayburn's (Snipes, Drop Zone) been playing his game to perfection and has his fair hoard of fans standing in line to worship him. But none can hold the candle to Gil Renard (Oscar Winner De Niro) -- obsessed Rayburn fan, night salesman, divorced husband, Psycho. Gil's obsession with Rayburn takes a dark turn when things start shaking up in his life he's fired, served a restraining order to stay away from his only son, and the one thing he enamors more than life itself (Bobby) is experiencing a losing streak.

Cassettes & CDs



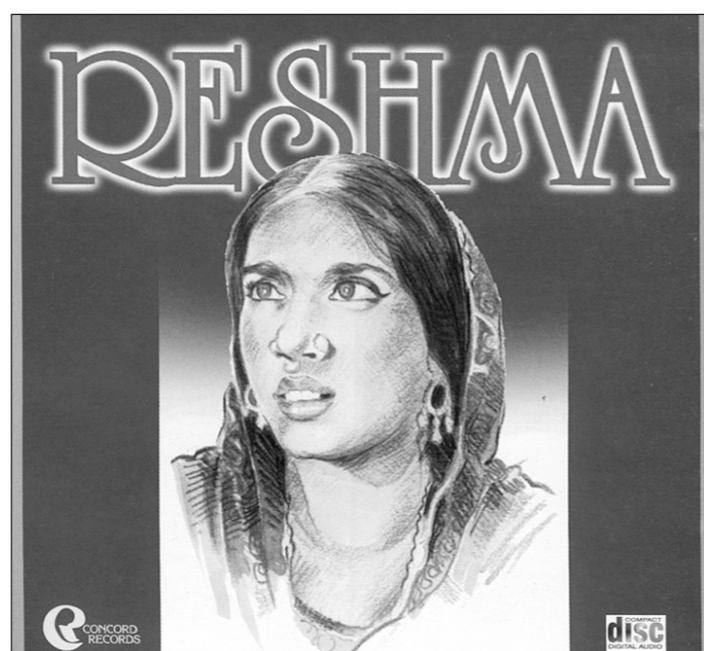
Amori Bangla Bhasha
Ramkumar Chattopadhyay, Price: Tk 300



Pandit C. R. Vyas
Raga Dev Gandhar, Price: Tk 500

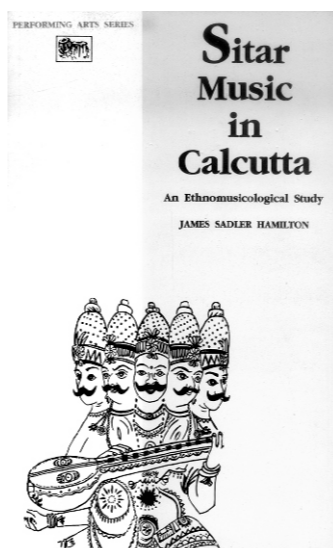


Pandit Shiv Kumar Sharma
Raga Basant Mukhari, Price: Tk 500

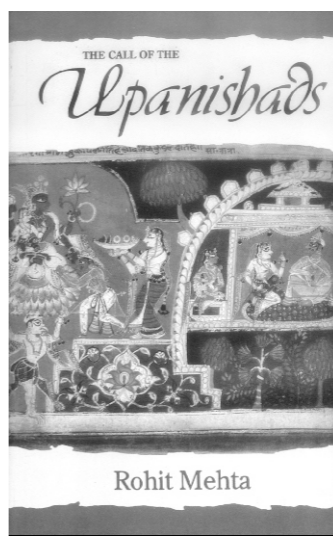


Reshma
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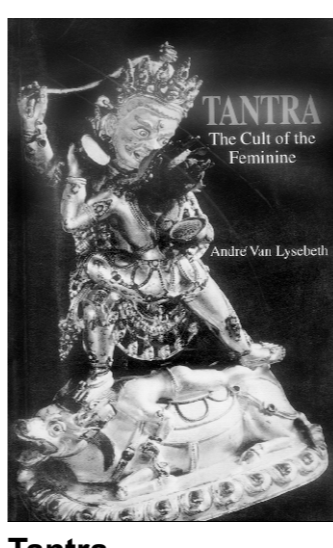
New Books



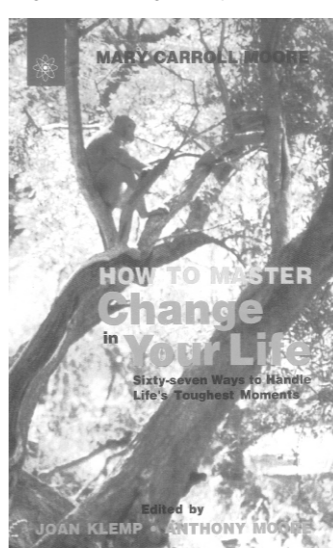
Sitar Music in Calcutta
By James Sadler Hamilton, Price: Tk 350. The discussion of the sitar and its repertoire as well as of the background material on gharana and rag contained in this book is derived from the author's personal involvement with Indian music dating back to 1974. The work commences with an ethnographic preamble. The first chapter is devoted to a study of gharana and patronage. Chapter 2 deals with the history of the sitar and the evolution of performance style on this instrument.



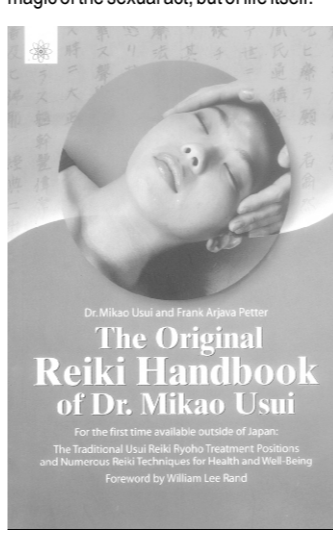
The Call of The Upanishads
By Rohit Mehta, Price: Tk 360. The Upanishads contain a large number of inspiring and instructive passages and verses -- it has not been possible to include all of them in this book. For the purposes of this book the author has taken those verses and passages that have a bearing on the mystical teaching of the Upanishads. It is mysticism which is the very core of the Upanishads -- and so in understanding this mysticism one comes to the heart of the sublime and magnificent teaching of the Upanishads.



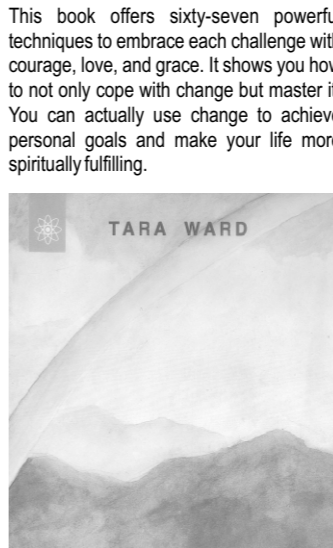
Tantra
The Cult of the Feminine
By André Van Lysebeth Price: Tk 472. Tantra: The Cult of the Feminine reveals a practical and balanced, modern view of the secret teachings of Tantric yoga. Tantra, known in India for several millenia, brings us a different view of life, the world, and oneself which is at once new and archaic, exotic yet every close to the roots of each of us. Being neither a sect nor a religion, it is a yogic discipline that awakens not only the sacredness and magic of the sexual act, but of life itself.



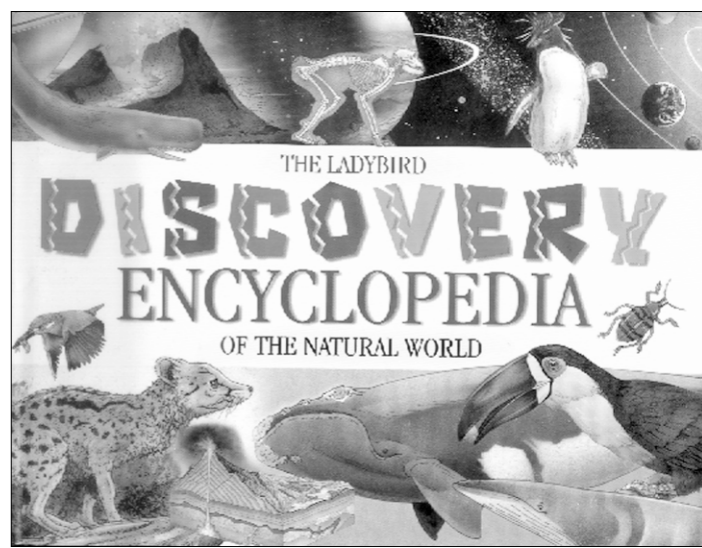
How to Master Change in Your Life
By Joan Klemp, Anthony Moore Price: Tk 632. Everything is subject to change. At any given moment we face changes in health, career, finances, relationships, even our spirituality. These moments can be tough or sweet, but how we handle them will determine the course of the rest of our life. This book offers sixty-seven powerful techniques to embrace each challenge with courage, love, and grace. It shows you how to not only cope with change but master it. You can actually use change to achieve personal goals and make your life more spiritually fulfilling.



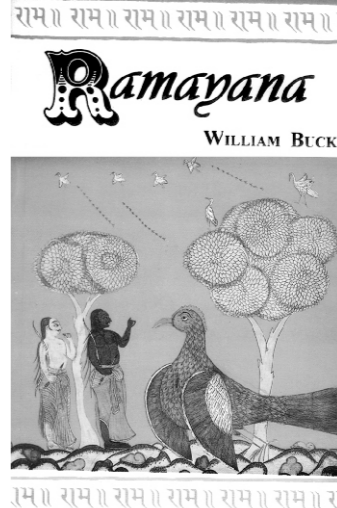
The Original Reiki Handbook of Dr Mikao Usui
By Dr Mikao Usui and Frank Arjava Petter, Price: Tk 440
Nothing is more authentic than the original. Dr Mikao Usui developed the Reiki System and founded the original "Japanese Usui Reiki Ryoho Gakkai" organisation. So what would be more obvious than returning to Dr Usui's materials? This book will show you the original hand positions from Dr Usui's Reiki handbook. It has been illustrated with 100 photos to make it easier to understand. The hand positions for a great variety of health complaints have been listed in detail, making it a valuable reference work for anyone who practices Reiki. Now that the original handbook has been translated into English, Dr Usui's hand positions and healing techniques can be studied directly for the first time. Whether you are an initiate or a master, if you practice Reiki you can expand your knowledge dramatically as you follow in the footsteps of a great healer.
Source: Pathak Shamabesh



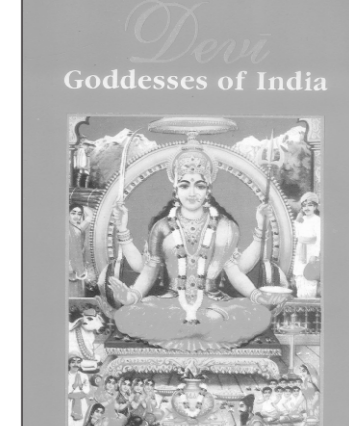
The Plays of Kalidasa
By Barbara Stoler Miller, Price: Tk 400. "In this fine volume Miller and her co-translators David Gilmore and Edwin Gerow have succeeded not only in evoking for us the contexts and spirit of Kalidasa's dramatic art but also in providing Indologists and the general public with excellent, contemporary translations of all three plays of the eminent Sanskrit poet... the editor and co-translators deserve congratulations and gratitude for their achievement in providing us with Kalidasa translations that are enjoyable as well as accurate, and convey in great measure the power and beauty of the works in the original."
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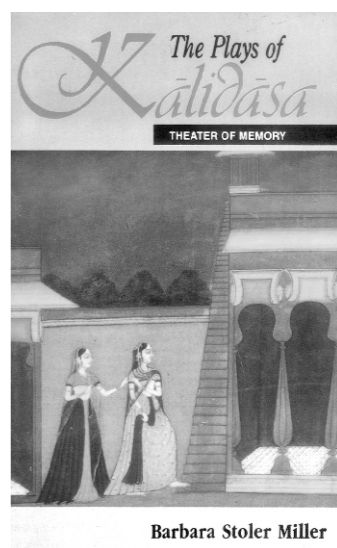
The Ladybird
Discovery Encyclopedia of the Natural World, Price: Tk 775. From microscopic blood cells to great white sharks, the Discovery Encyclopedia of the Natural World takes a close-up look at the fascinating phenomena in the world around us. The stunning illustrations and clear, informative text offer an insight into the workings of the human body, the lives of familiar and exotic plants and animals, and the nature of the solar system we share.
Source: Ekushey Publications Limited



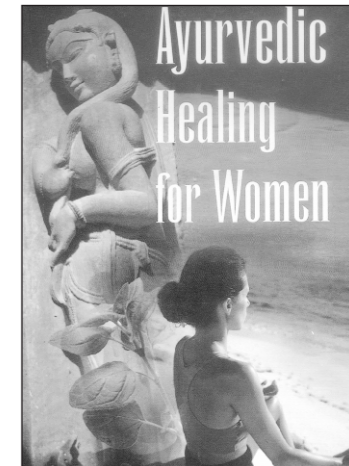
Ramayana
By William Buck, Price: 312. To say the Ramayana is one of the great epics of India may be a misleading understatement, for it is of far greater importance to India than the Greek epics are to Western thought. The Ramayana and the Mahabharata make up the framework of the Hindu religious, cultural, and social imagination... Buck has succeeded better than anyone else in conveying the spirit of the original.



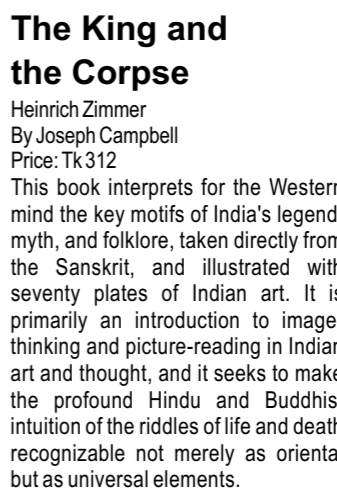
Devi
Goddesses of India
By John Stratton Hawley & Donna Marie Wulff, Price: Tk 312. The monotheistic religions of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam have severely limited the portrayal of the divine as feminine. But in Hinduism, "God" very often means "Goddess." This extraordinary collection explores twelve different Hindu Goddess, all of whom are in some way related to Devi, the Great Goddess. They range from the liquid goddess-energy of the River Ganges to the possessing, entrancing heat of Bhagavati and Seranvati. They are local, like Vindhavasi, and global, like Kali; ancient, like Saranyu, and modern, like "Mother India." The collection combines analysis of texts with intensive fieldwork, allowing the reader to see how goddesses are worshiped in everyday life. In these essays the divine feminine in Hinduism is revealed as never before -- fascinating, contradictory, powerful.



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Ayurvedic Healing for Women
By Atreya, Price: Tk 240. Female readers are able to pinpoint their "individuality" by determining which of the three natural forces dominate them... The book also addresses problems such as depression, menopause, cysts and tumors, recommending herbal formulas according to type.



The King and the Corpse
Heinrich Zimmer
By Joseph Campbell Price: Tk 312
This book interprets for the Western mind the key motifs of India's legend, myth, and folklore, taken directly from the Sanskrit, and illustrated with seventy plates of Indian art. It is primarily an introduction to image-thinking and picture-reading in Indian art and thought, and it seeks to make the profound Hindu and Buddhist intuition of the riddles of life and death recognizable not merely as oriental but as universal elements.
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