

PICK OF THE WEEK



The Movie

Sense and Sensibility on HBO 18 March at 10:00 The untimely death of their father leaves the three Dashwood sisters with a little more than a tight financial predicament one that seriously hampers their marriage ability. But suitor's soon come a knocking. Elinor's level-headedness has won the fancy of Edward Ferrars while Marianne the hopeless romantic, finds herself torn between the stable Colonel Brandon (Rickman) and the dashing Willoughby, her every fantasy.



The Sport

Fist Cricket Test

live on star sports at 3:30am

England

vs

New Zealand



Our Choice

JFK on HBO 20 March at 10:00 Here's Oliver Stone's controversial blockbuster about the 1963 assassination of President John F Kennedy and its aftermath. Kevin Costner (Waterworld) stars as New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison, who refused to accept the Warren Commission's findings and set out to prove that JFK was the victim of a vast conspiracy.

Satellite TV



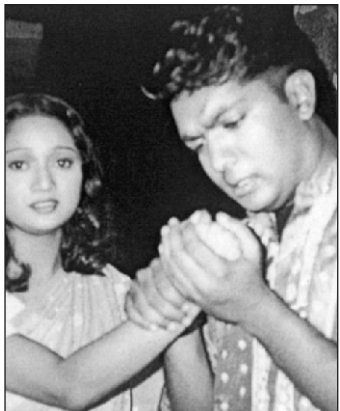
Ekushey : On March 21 at 8:05 p.m. Nirghum Raat. Azizul Hakim, Aupi Karim, Satirha Rahman, among others star this drama. Rudra leaves home to avoid marriage. But meanwhile his mother makes a marital engagement with a prospective bride. At one stage he feels inclined to her.



Ekushey : On March 17 at 8:05 p.m. Durer Batighar. This new drama serial features a middle class family of Mr. Kalam. His wife is a school teacher. His young colleague Sajidul has developed an affinity for his daughter Nishi.



Ekushey : On March 19 at 9:00 p.m. Swat. Script and direction by Mamunur Rashid, this drama features turbulent days of March, 1971. Pakistani marine ship Swat harbours at the Chittagong port carrying arms and ammunition. This news spreads far and wide.



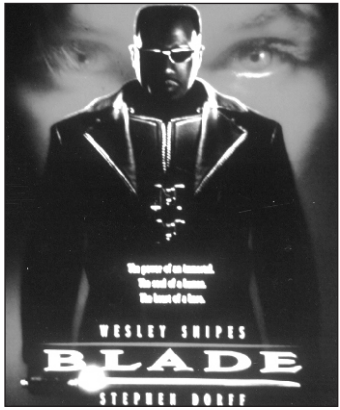
Ekushey : On March 20 at 9:00 p.m. Atmaprokash. Chandan and Kabita go to Sada's house. They convince him to meet Kajal. By Chance Chandan takes refuge at the village home of his lunatic father.



Ekushey : On March 17 at 8:30 p.m. Kariman Bewa. It features a poor woman freedom fighter Kariman Bewa who struggles hard to survive. An organisation takes her to Dhaka to change her lot. But latter they say she is not whom they look for.



Death Becomes her on HBO 19 March at 10:00 Madeline Ashton (Streep, two-time Oscar Winner for Sophie's Choice and Kramer vs Kramer) is in show business. But lately, she's had little to show for it, except eyes bags and saddlebags. The once Beverly Hills beauty watches as her beauty goes downhill, her waning career tagging along for the ride. Her enemy and former friend Helen Sharp (Oscar winner Hawn, Cactus Flower), once a shy book editor, now transformed herself into a famous beauty author.

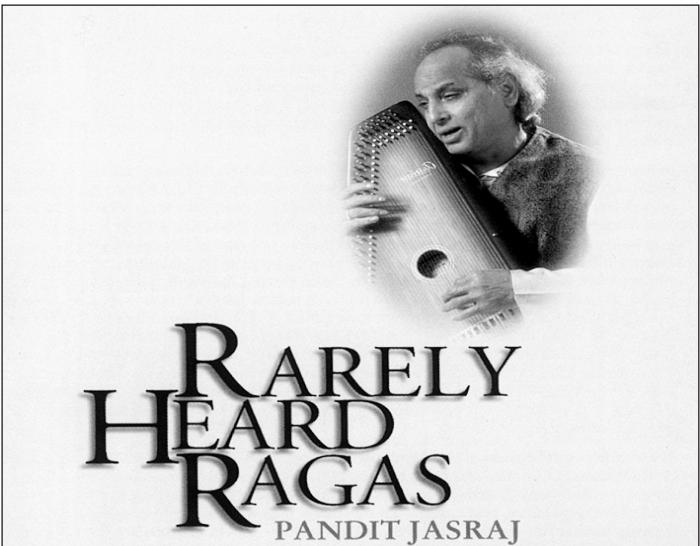


Blade on HBO 16 March at 10:00 Straight from the pages of the Marvel Comics series comes Blade (Snipes), half man, half vampire, consumed by a desire to avenge the curse of his birth and save the human race from Armageddon. Blade is a rebel in a world that exists beneath the surface of our own world, where a vampire leader, Deacon Frost (Dorff), is preparing his vampire nation for the awakening of the Sleeper, who will lead them in the bloody battle to overthrow the human race. Starring: Wesley Snipes, Stephen Dorff, Kris Kristofferson.



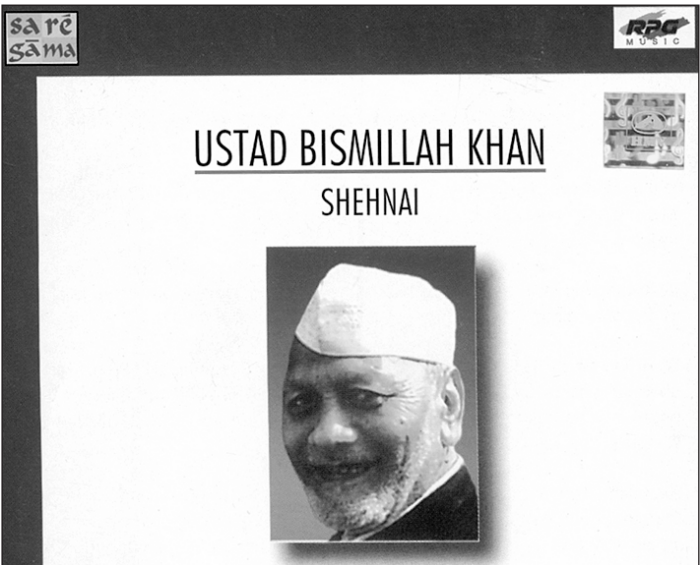
The untouchables on HBO 21 March at 10:00 In crime-laden 1920s Chicago, an honest day's work could get you killed, if you're on the hit list of the most ruthless gangster the world has ever known Al Capone (Robert De Niro). Kevin Costner (Academy Award winner, Waterworld) stars as Eliot Ness, a federal agent who has come to Chicago during the Prohibition Era, when corruption in the local police is rampant. His mission to put gangland kingpin Capone out of business for good.

Cassettes & CDs



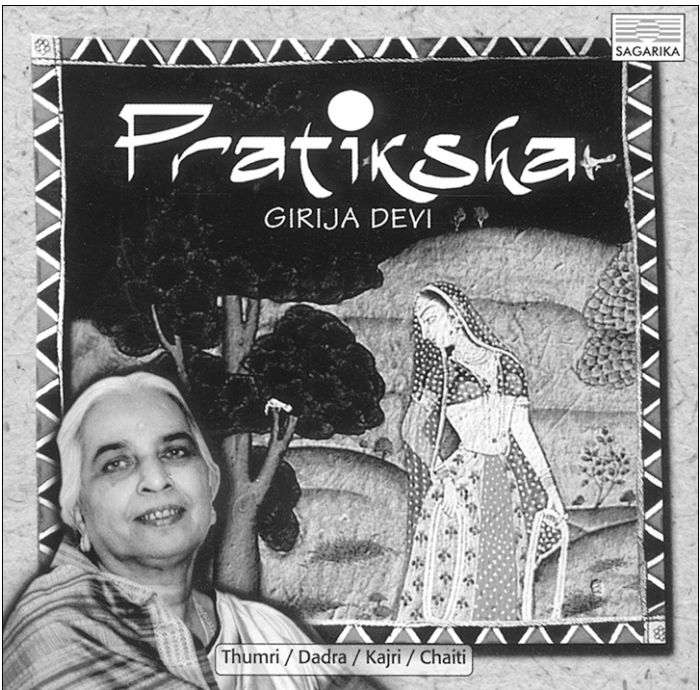
Rarely Heard Ragas

Pandit Jasraj, Price: Tk 500 The album features ragas Purba and Patdipaki. The name Purba suggests similarities, structural echos, which connect this raga to two better known ragas: Purvi and Purba Basant, the eastern form of Basant. Patdipaki, on the other hand, has like Purba carved a space for itself out of different ragas. But it has a kind of complexity which is different from that of Purba. The structure of this raga may be understood as weave or intertexturing of two different scales or thaats. These can be clearly distinguished from each other. The main structure is in Bilaval thaat.



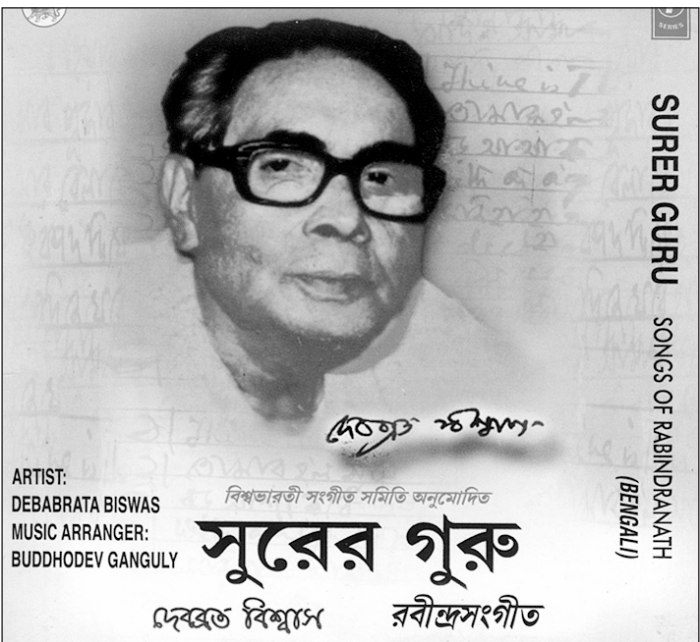
Ustad Bismillah Khan

The album contains ragas Bhupal Todi, Madhuvanti, Ghazal, and Bageshree, Price: Tk 500 Bismillah Khan has revolutionised the style of playing shehnaï and transformed the traditional folk instrument into a major one by virtue of innovation and craftsmanship.



Pratiksha

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

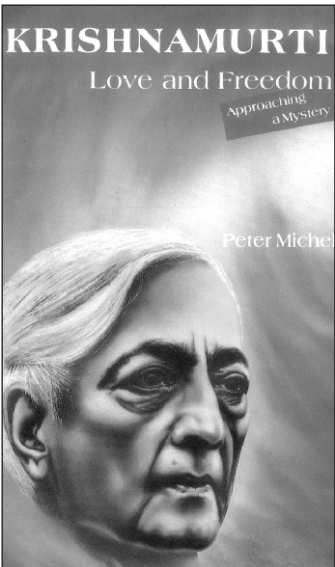


Surer guru

Songs of Rabin Dranath Taror The album features renderings by Debabrata Biswas, Price: Tk 100

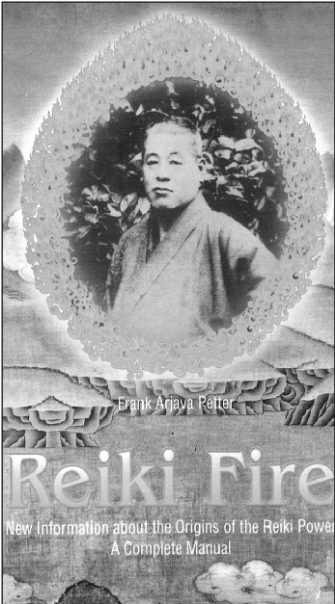
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New Books



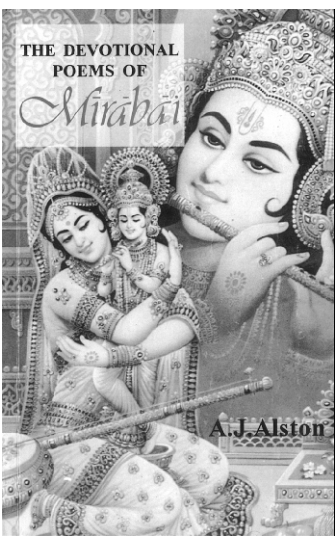
Love and Freedom

Krishnamurti Peter Michel, Price Tk 200.00 Krishnamurti is one of the most radical thinkers of our century. His life goal was to set people completely and unconditionally free, to help them find a freedom whose only peer is Love. This biography has a two-part structure. In Part One, the author addresses the mystery of Krishnamurti, basing his commentary on Krishnamurti's mystical processes and on various psychological elements. Part Two contains a concentrated synthesis of the main aspects of Krishnamurti's teachings.



Reiki Fire

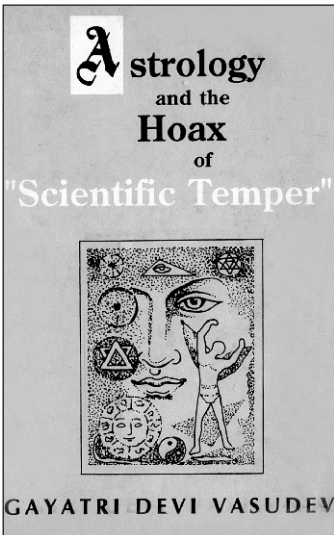
Frank Arjava Petter, Price Tk 105.00 The origin of Reiki has come to be surrounded by many stories and myths. Frank Arjava Petter, a free Reiki master practising in Japan, immerses it in a new light as he traces Usui-san's path back through time with openness and devotion. He meets Usui's descendants and climbs the holy mountain of his enlightenment. In addition, Reiki Fire is an excellent Reiki textbook, fresh and rousing in its spiritual perspective Reiki, shaped by Shintoism, is a Buddhist expression of Qigong, where-by Qigong depicts the teaching of life energy in its original sense. Frank Arjava Petter is a master in his approach to it.



The Devotional Poems of Mirabai

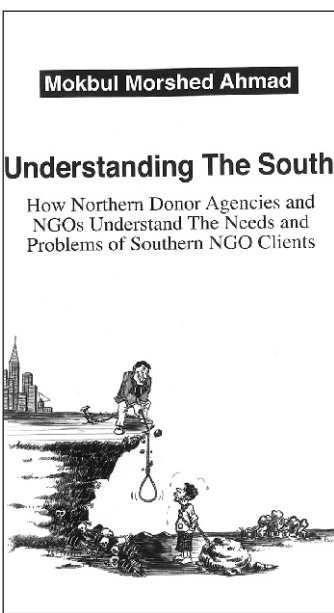
AJ Alston, Price Tk 150.00 A translation of 202 of the songs attributed to the early sixteenth-century female bhakti poet Mirabai. These poems, widely loved in much of northern India, express an intense love for Krishna and are especially affecting when separation from the divine lover is the theme. Given the dearth of good, easily accessible translations of bhakti poetry, this volume is highly recommended for undergraduate libraries wherever Indian religions are taught.

Source: Pathak Shamabesh



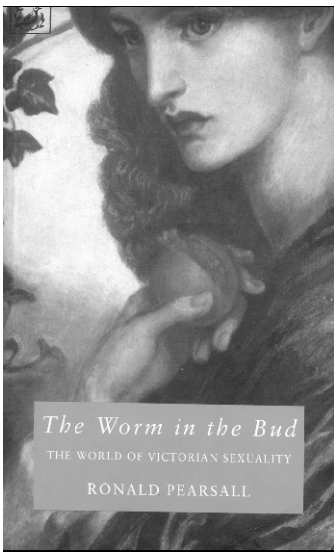
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Gayatri Devi Vasudev, Price Tk 150.00 How to Judge A Horoscope is a departure from the conventional method of treatment of astrology. It is a study in the use of Horoscope in every man's daily life. The book is divided in twelve houses. The twelve houses have reference to the material relation of soul (jeeva) in its journey from the cradle to the grave. The study of illustrations (charts) makes every point even the omitted rudimentary principles and rules very clear and graspable.



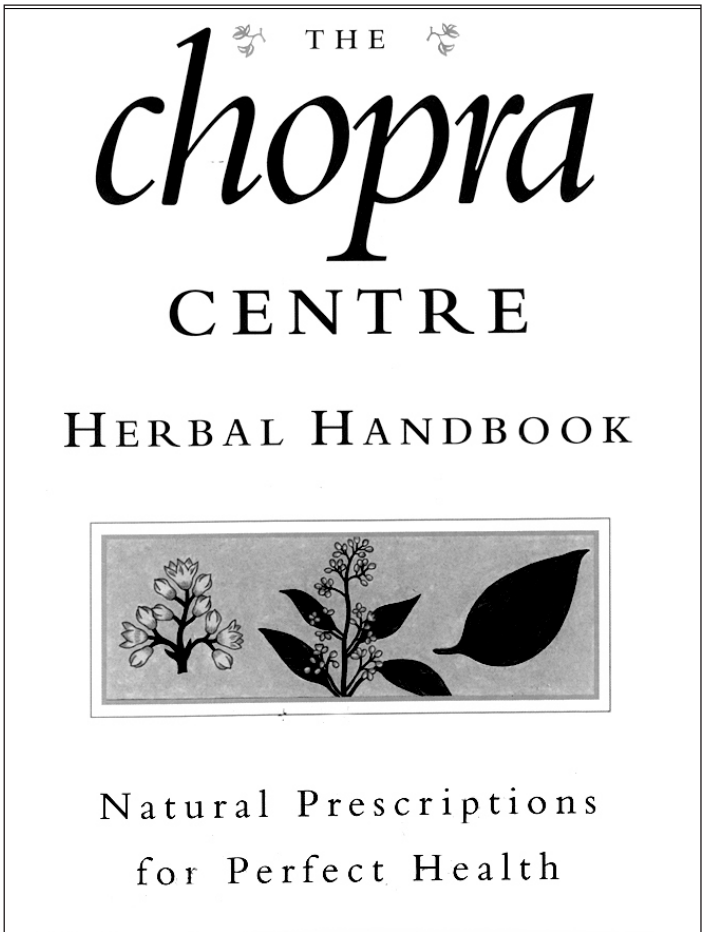
Understanding The South

Mokbul Morshed Ahmad, Price Tk 300.00 In 1995, I took a bold decision to leave the civil service in order to join the university as a lecturer (Of which I sometimes repent). Once at the university, I started trying to pursue higher studies at a North American or West European university. Wherever I applied, my research proposal was the same, to study the field workers of NGOs. While writing the PhD dissertation, I remembered the faces of those field workers of VERC and ASOD, who very logically told me that I would forget them and their problems in the luxuries of Bangkok and Dhaka. My PhD research was a modest attempt to tell those field workers that I had not forgotten them, even though I have not been able to keep contact with them over the years.



The Worm in the Bud

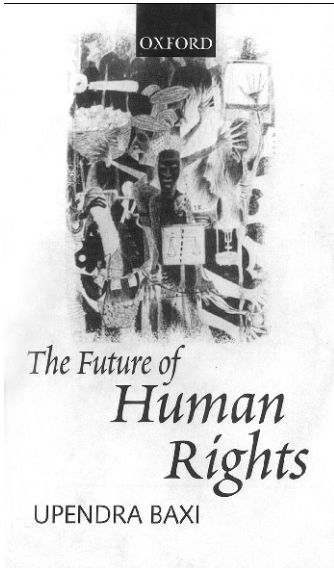
The World of Victorian Sexuality Ronald Pearsall, Price Tk 1890.00 Victorian society notoriously employed a double standard: on the one hand, the very image of prudery and propriety; on the other, a tangled undergrowth in which repression found expression in a remarkable variety of blooms. Here is Swinburne and his predilection for flagellation; Edward Carpenter and his cosmic theory of an Intermediate Sex.



The Chopra Centre Herbal Handbook: Natural Prescriptions for Prefect Health

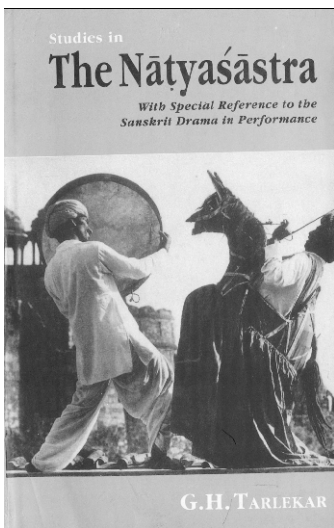
By Deepak Chopra and David Simon, Price: Tk 595 The oldest medical system of all is Ayurveda, which dates back 5000 years to its origins in India. In The Chopra Centre Herbal Handbook, Dr Deepak Chopra and Dr David Simon draw on the forty most important herbs used in Ayurveda, from aloe and amrit kalash to ginger and winter cherry, to create a practical, popular reference book that shows how to, for example, strengthen immunity, rejuvenate the body, boost energy and detoxify the system.

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The Future of Human Rights

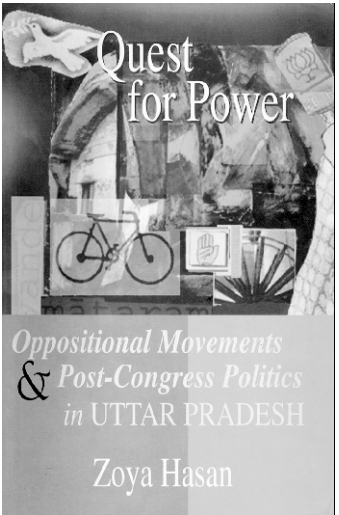
Upendra Baxi, Price Tk 800.00 This work explores the paradigm shift in human rights theory and practice that subordinates, even sacrifices human rights of individual human beings and subaltern people to the needs and interests of the managers and agents of globalization. It traces the community of concerns that now reshape the activists energy and power of human rights movements everywhere. The Future of Human Rights is essential reading for all concerned with human rights and human futures.



Studies in The Nātyasāstra

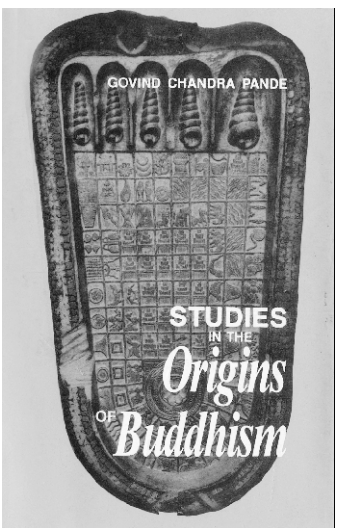
G. H. Tarlekar, Published by Motilal Banarsidass Publishers Private Limited Price: Taka 600 This piece of work attempts to present all aspects of the performance of Sanskrit Drama of the Classical period. This book also presents some valuable hints on the presentation of Sanskrit plays at present.

Source: Pathak Shamabesh



Quest for Power

Oppositional Movements & Post-Congress Politics in Uttar Pradesh Zoya Hasan, Price Tk 712.00 One of the most significant phenomena in Indian politics over the last few years has been the growth of oppositional political movements. Yet, analysis of how this has effected political transformation in India, particularly the decline of the Congress Party and the growth of the BJP, has been inadequate. Through an analysis of oppositional politics in India's most influential state, Uttar Pradesh, this book offers insights into the interplay between Congress and opposition politics in the transition to a post-Congress polity.



Studies in the Origins of Buddhism

Govind Chandra Pande Published by Motilal Banarsidass Publishers Private Limited Price: Taka 900 This book sets out in proper perspective and with fine discrimination the complicated issues regarding the literature and thought of Early Buddhism, especially the Pali Canons.