

PICK OF THE WEEK



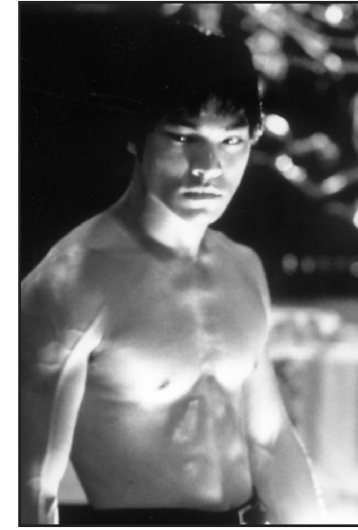
The Movie

Snow Falling on Cedars
On HBO Saturday, 27th July at 10:00pm
Director Scott Hicks' follow-up to the amazing Shine is a beautiful piece of work about the horrors of racial prejudice, set in Washington State after World War II. The heart-warming drama unfolds with the trial of Kazuo Miyamoto, a man charged with the murder of Carl Heine, a local fisherman.



The Sport

Cricket test match
Live on Star Sports from July 26 to 29 at 4:00p.m (BST) daily
India Vs England



Our Choice

The Bruce Lee Story
On HBO, Monday, 29th July at 10:00pm
An unrivalled martial arts expert to this day, a devoted father and husband and an actor extraordinaire, Bruce "The Dragon" Lee engaged mortal combat against his bumbling screen foes, racial prejudices, and his personal demons to become Asia's hottest martial art expert to the world. And this is his story.

Satellite TV



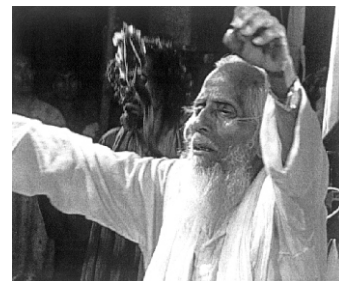
Ekushey at 8:30 p.m. on July 28. Chaya ghari. Belayet Khan tries to bring back discipline in the factory. He appoints an Assistant Manager. Fatema tells Khan to arrange the engagement of Shaila with Shoeb. But Shoeb decides to accept the proposal of his uncle.



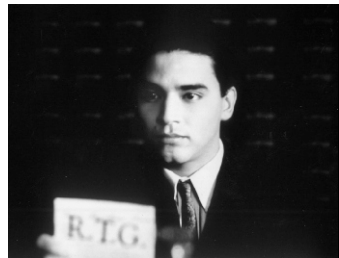
Ekushey at 6:30 p.m. on July 29. Deshjurey Chalchitro. The episode includes features on regional recipes of Bangladeshi food items, snacks and drinks. Bengali people are famous for their ability of appraisal for food items of various kinds. Different pitthas, molasses, and other types of sweets have been highlighted in the program.



Ekushey at 8:05 p.m. on July 28. Dur-e-batighar. Family affairs become more complicated. Sajedul receives an imprisonment of two years. Afzal, in the meanwhile, comes close to Nishi. He wants to marry her. Nishi comes to know about the true reason of Sajedul's theft.



Ekushey at 4:00 p.m. on July 30. Dehotari. The song-based program presents a wide variety of folk and spiritual songs, complete with mysticism and folk appeal. A special portion of the program shows spiritual gatherings and songs from Keraniganj of greater Dhaka.



Delivering Milo
Sunday, 28th July at 3:00pm
Life sucks. Everyone knows it. Even Milo (Anton Yelchin) knows it. And he isn't even born yet. So in heaven he decides to stay, much to the dismay of his expectant and very expecting mother Elizabeth (Fonda, Kiss of the Dragon, The Snow Queen), who finds her contractions suddenly ceasing. Before the boy makes his world debut, he'll need some convincing about his redemptive qualities, and it's up to soul-in-limbo Eilmore (Finney, Erin Brockovich, Traffic) to give him a one-day test-run of earth. If the guardian angel manages to change Milo's mind, he gets to become human again. If not, it's back to limbo!



'Quake' on HBO Friday, 26th July at 11:45pm
The 1990 San Francisco earthquake not only destroys Jenny's home... it places her at the mercy of a psychotic peeping Tom. Pulling her from the rubble, he takes her to his apartment, where he plans to keep her his prisoner for life! Quake is executive produced by Roger Corman.



'Varsity Blues' on HBO Wednesday 31st July at 10:00pm
Hailed as a god and feared like the devil, Bud Kilmer (Voight, Ali) is a coach obsessed with winning. With 35 years as head coach and 22 division titles under his belt, he's going for his 23rd. But his perfect plans for gold are marred by the season-ending injury of his star quarterback. Filling those big shoes is Jonathan Moxon (Der Beek), an unorthodox athlete that doesn't feel coach Kilmer deserves to be worshipped. Coach Kilmer doesn't think Moxon fits in his game plan. But it is only when the boys question Kilmer's tactics that they become men. Prepare for lots of guts, glory and gung-ho.



'Flashback' Sunday, 28th July at 9:30pm
When a notorious criminal Walker (Hopper, The Piano Player) is finally nabbed after wreaking havoc for over 2 decades, the FBI, wanting to take no chances with him, hands over the responsibility of making sure he gets to court to honest FBI agent Buckner (Sutherland, Picking Up The Pieces). In their two days together, Buckner has his identity stolen, his career destroyed and his freedom jeopardized. "Flashback" takes a dangerously funny look at the term 'generation gap'.

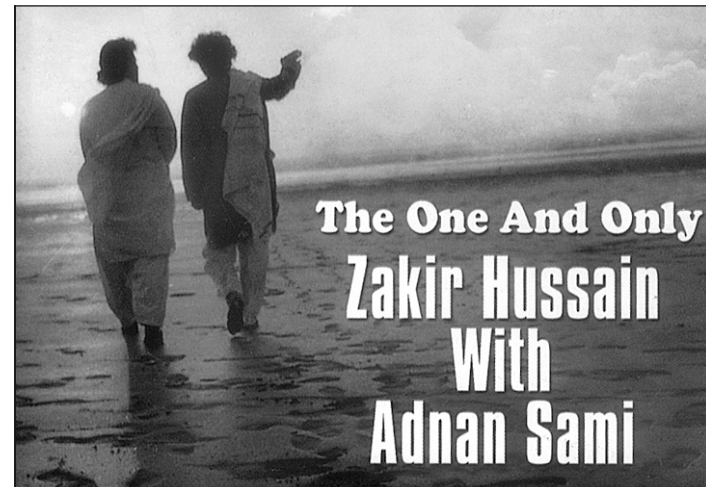


'The Ten Commandments' on HBO Tuesday 30th, July at 10:00pm
King of the most powerful empire on earth, an orphan with a dangerous past and one man's fight to free the Hebrews from slavery and lead them to the Promised Land - the story of Moses is one of triumph and the power of God. Pharaoh has decreed that all first-born Hebrew males, deemed as an inferior race, are to be executed. Baby Moses narrowly escapes death, set adrift in a basket on the Nile and lands safely in Pharaoh's courts. Moses grows up on an enemy ground and when his identity is revealed, he is cast out of Egypt. Obeying God's orders, he returns to the land he once knew, the place he once called home, to save his people from slave-maker Pharaoh. Pharaoh refuses to release the Hebrews, even after signs and wonders are performed. So Pharaoh's army hotly pursues the Jews across the Red Sea.

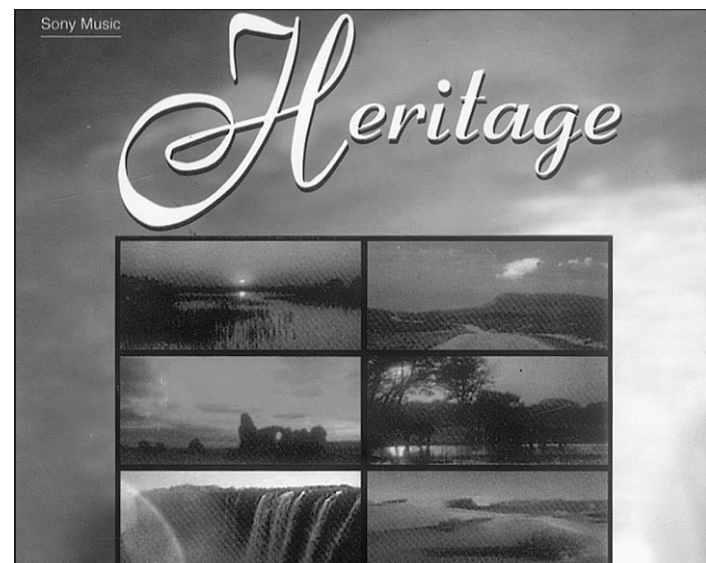
Cassettes & CDs



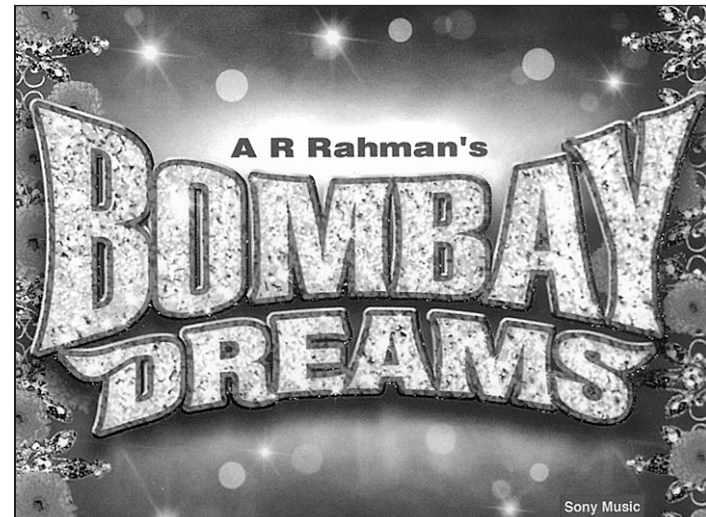
Bridges: The Best Of Ravi Shankar
Price: Tk. 150.00. While it's called The Best of Ravi Shankar, Bridges is a bit of a misnomer since it's actually culled from the records he made in the late '80s. However, they represent some of his most adventurous work. Tracks like "Tarana," recorded in the Kremlin, mix his sound with Russian music, while three cuts come from his collaboration with noted American modern classical composer Philip Glass; elsewhere, former Beatle Harrison figures in the mix. But the center of attention, as always, is Shankar's pristine playing of an incredibly complex instrument, the way he can evoke every mood, from serenity to storm, and, when the occasion arises, improvise like a master-which, of course, is exactly what he is.



Zakir Hussain with Adnan Sami-The One and Only
Price: Tk. 150.00. A child prodigy of his times, Adnan Sami has the talent that many aspire for. An accomplished pianist and composer with a special command on all Western and Indian classical and semi-classical notes, he is the world's fastest keyboard player. Zakir Hussain is today appreciated both in the field of percussion and in the world of music as large as an international phenomenon. A classical tabla virtuoso of the highest order, his consistently brilliant and exciting performances have not only established him as a national



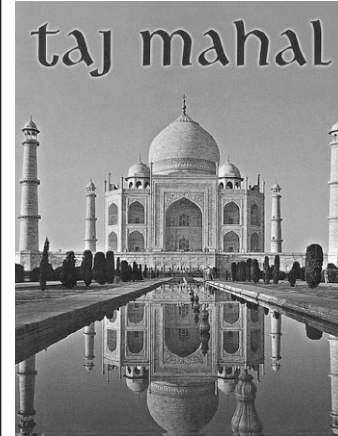
Heritage: Melodies of India
Price: Tk. 150.00. In the traditional culture of India, music envelops the entire life of man in a shell of melodic sound. Songs celebrate the seasonal rhythms in nature, and the song of the plowman and boatman, shepherd and camel driver add harmony to the pulse of work. This folk tradition has been a great source of India's musical tradition. But thought and conscious craftsmanship have to refine spontaneity if music has to carry its classical tradition. A long evolution is needed before the tradition achieves maturity and yields variety. The vicissitudes of history have often hampered this kind of evolution.



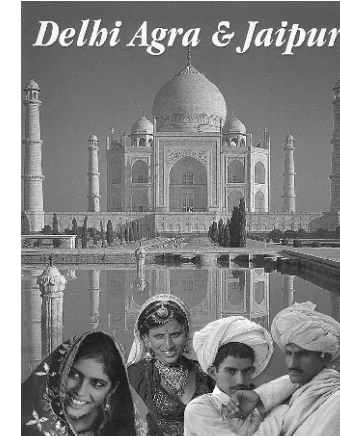
Bombay Dreams
Price: Tk. 120.00. Talented music composer A.R. Rahman has churned a number of catchy melodies for Andrew Lloyd Webber's West End musical play Bombay Dreams. A play, being directed by Steven Pimlott, tells the story of a poor boy who comes to Bombay to make it big in Bollywood. It will have fourteen numbers composed by Rahman. Out of these, five are familiar movie tracks like "Chhaiya-Chhaiya" and "Shakalaka Baby" while others are new tracks including a wedding song and a tapori number with eunuchs that Rahman has composed exclusively for the play.

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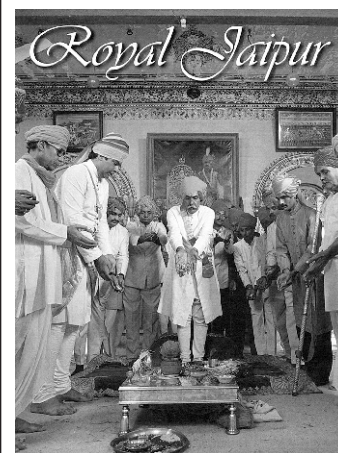
Books



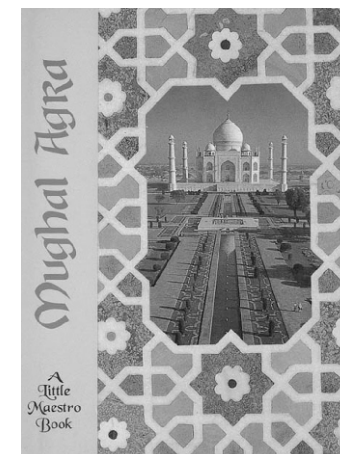
TAJ MAHAL
A Little Maestro Book. Published by: Lustre Press, Price Tk. 158.00
Late at night, Shah Jahan was summoned to the tent where his beloved wife Mumtaz lay dying. With tears in her eyes the empress whispered to the emperor to build a monument symbolising the sublime beauty of their love. Mumtaz died while Shah Jahan gazed into her eyes. This little book traces in words and pictures the story of the romance of Shah Jahan and Mumtaz Mahal which culminated in the making of the magnificent Taj Mahal.



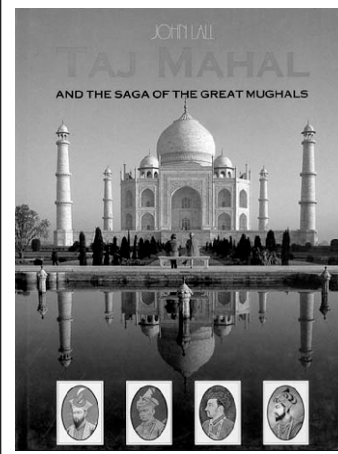
Delhi Agra & Jaipur
Biraj Bose, Published by: Lustre Press, Price Tk. 372.00
Dhelli, Agra and jaipur-they represent and unravel the mystique that is India. New Delhi, the elegant capital with its wide roads, sprawling gardens and stately buildings, stands on the site of seven historical cities built by the visionary rulers through the centuries. Agra, the capital of the glorious Mughal emperors, harbours the incomparable Taj Mahal, the exquisite marble monument that attracts millions of visitors every year; jaipur is the enigmatic pink city of the Maharajas, the city of pomp and splendour; of colour and festivity, of a rich and regal past that continues into the present.



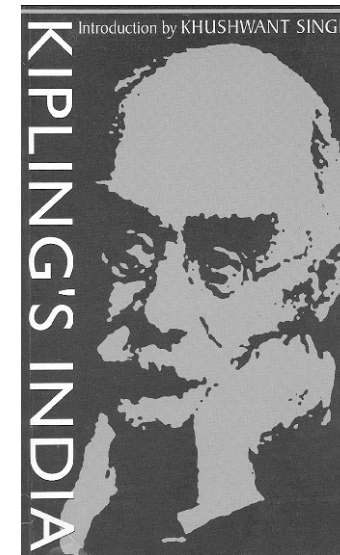
ROYAL JAIPUR
Jyoti Jafa, Published by: Lustre Press, Price Tk. 410.00
Jaipur is the enigmatic pink city of the Maharajas, the city of pomp and splendour, of color and festivity, of a rich and regal past that continues into the present. The book presents its life, culture & historical background with ... more collected Photographs. This is Lustre Press Publication.



MUGHAL AGRA
A Little Maestro Book. Published by: Lustre Press, Price Tk. 158.00
The spectacular city of Agra, once the capital of the Great Mughals, still preserve some of the best architectural expressions of that legendary dynasty. Akbar the Great, built the citadel-palace in Agra and founded a model city, Fatehpur Sikri, on its outskirts. His grand-son, Shah Jahan, gave Agra a jewel of a monument on the Taj Mahal: a monument built in memory of his beloved wife, Mumtaz Mahal. Agra remains, even today, a reminder of a once celebrated past.

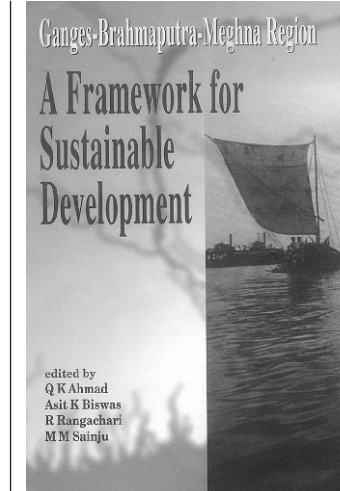


TAJ MAHAL AND THE SAGA OF THE GREAT MUGHALS
John Lal, Published by: Lustre Press, Price Tk. 750.00
Perhaps no other dynasty has shaped the fortunes of India as much as the Mughal. Its visible presence in art, architecture, etiquette, literature and learning has had as powerful an impact as the historical process it set into motion, uniting far-flung provinces and, with martial feats and matrimonial alliances, establishing an empire of consequence in the country.

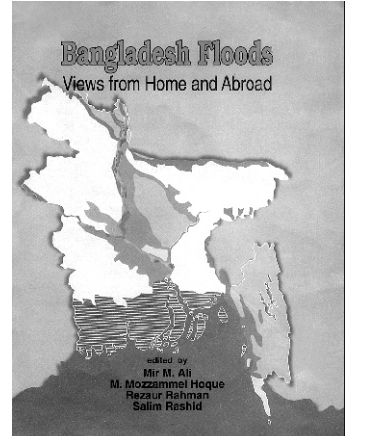


KIPLING'S INDIA
Introduction by Khushwant Singh, Price Tk. 221.00
This is the first ever Kipling anthology wholly made in India, featuring some lesser known but powerful stories and poems along with old favourites. This selection illumines the 'lost' India of the 19th century which only Kipling can give back to modern Indians and raises interesting echoes of the Raj. RUDYARD KIPLING: was he a vampire of the Raj or an Indian born in another skin, who upheld the British Empire but gave his heart to the East? KHUSHWANT SINGH, celebrated columnist, author and ardent Kipling fan, knits this anthology with a fascinating introduction on the life of this controversial writer. What perhaps pleased Kipling most was when he noticed that the amount in his bank account was inexplicably higher than it should have been by his reckoning. He discovered that many people had not encashed the cheques he had sent them. Instead, they had preferred to retain them as autographs!

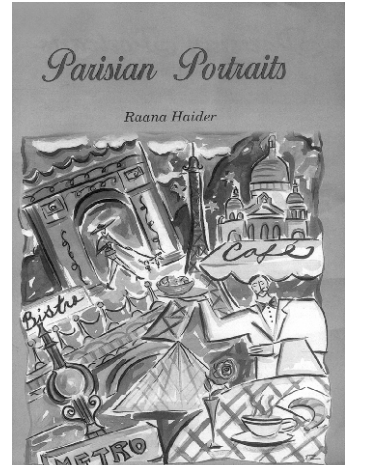
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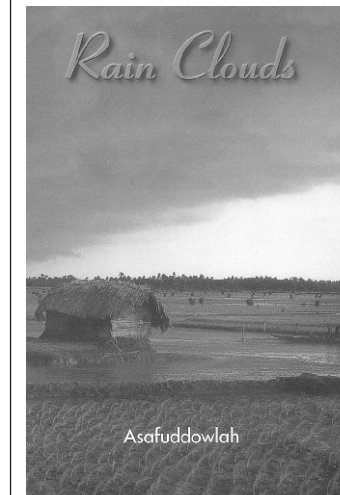
A Framework for Sustainable Development
Price: 350.00.
Edited by Qazi Khloquzzaman Ahmad, Asit K Biswas, R Rangachari, Mohan Man Sainju
The Ganges-Brahmaputra-Meghna (GBM) river systems constitute the second largest hydrologic region in the world. The total drainage area of the GBM region is about 1.75 million sq km stretching across five countries: Bangladesh, Bhutan, China, India and Nepal. While Bangladesh and India share all the three rivers, China shares the Brahmaputra and the Ganges, Nepal only the Ganges, and Bhutan the Brahmaputra. The region is rich in natural endowments, but the paradox is that over 600 million people who live in this region are still mired in poverty. The development and utilization of the region's natural resources have never been sought in an integrated manner by the regional countries due to past differences, legacies of mistrust, and lack of goodwill.



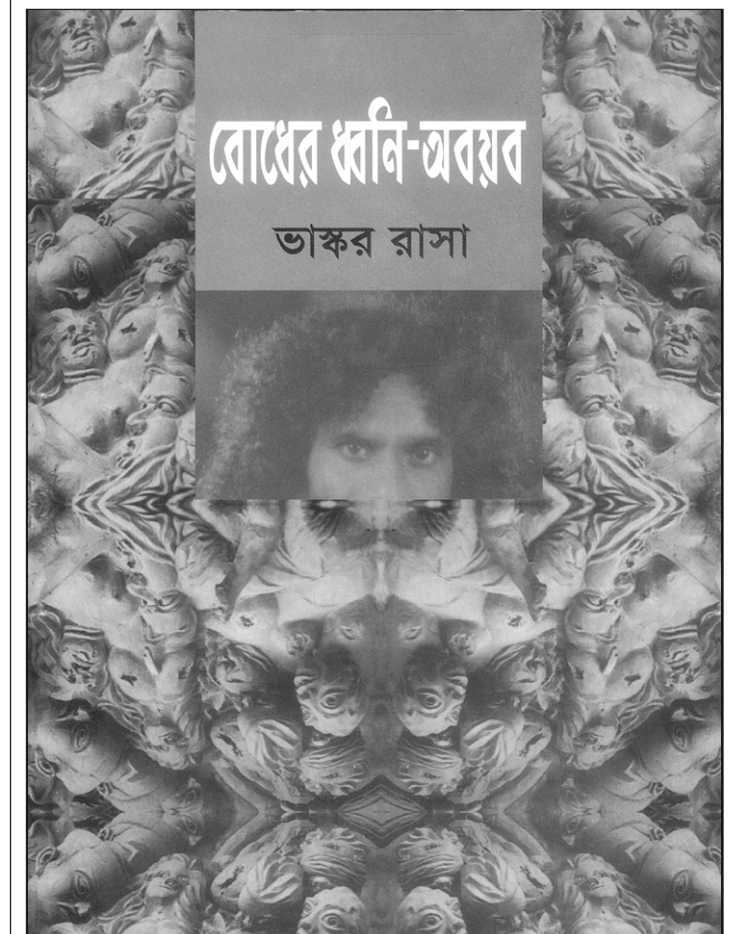
Bangladesh Floods
Views from Home and Abroad
Edited by Salim Rashid, Price: 750.00
This book contains selected papers from the proceedings of two conferences arranged to discuss the recurring problem of catastrophic flooding in Bangladesh. The first conference was held in 1993 at University of Illinois at Urban-Champaign, USA and the second conference was held in 1995 in Bangladesh. The National Science Foundation of USA was the primary sponsor of the two conferences. The conferences were organized through the efforts of the Bangladesh Environment and Flood Committee in America (BEFCA), a group of Bangladeshi Americans, and the Institute of Flood Control and Drainage Research of the Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology.



Parisian Portraits
Raana Haider, Price: 375.00
Paris is a feeling and not a city. It is an cri de coeur (a call of the heart). 'Parisian Portraits' exemplifies the aphorism plus ca change, plus c'est la meme chose (the more it changes, the more it is the same). Raana Haider explores the yesterday, today and tomorrow of the most beautiful city in the world. In the City of Lights, she is charmed by the Arc de Triomphe, the Bois de Boulogne, the Champs-Elysees. However, she also covers art and auctions; baguettes and bistros; cafes and Chaner; Diana and Duke and Duches of Windsor; emigré's and Egyptomania; mega-Louvre and mini-museums and the feather in the national cap the World Cup 1998.



Rain Clouds
Asafuddowlah, Price: 150.00
This is Asafuddowlah's first collection of poems in English language. His collections in Bengali including, Ruddo Roti, Patanger Slok; Shei Eaki Chand and Nishshabda Nirantar have established him as a rare voice from Bangladesh. The subject of his poems reveal a poet familiar and comfortable with Sufi traditions.



Bodher Dhoni Aboiob
Price: Tk. 60.00
A collection of poems and stories by Sculptor Rasa, published on the occasion of International Mother Language Day.

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