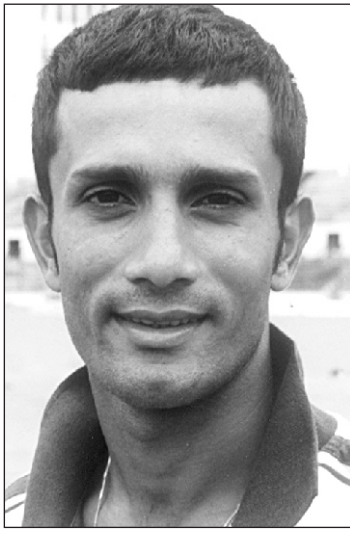


PICK OF THE WEEK



The Movie

The Matrix
On HBO Friday, 6th October at 9:30 PM
Alice In Wonderland. Flo-mo action sequences. The search for the saviour of the world. Just a peek into the Wachoski brother's black psyche -- an altered reality of mind-boggling special effects, Hong Kong style chop-savory and futuristic Goth. Neo (Reeves), a software programmer by day and hacker otherwise, wakes up every morning to a world he knows only as a dream.



The Sport

2nd ODI of a three-match cricket series

Live on BTV from South Africa on October 6 at 1:30 p.m.

South Africa

Vs

Bangladesh



Our Choice

Blankman

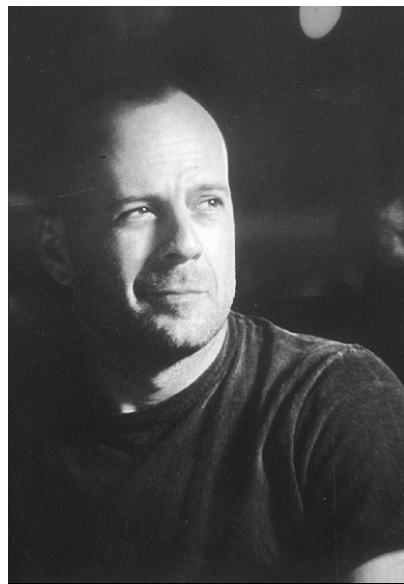
On Star Movies at 7:00 on October 7
He has no superpowers, no money and no name. He's Blankman, a self-appointed neighborhood crime-stopper who's so broke that he fights crime in his underwear. Television's Damon Wayans stars as the bumbling blankman in this uproarious laugh fest.

Satellite TV



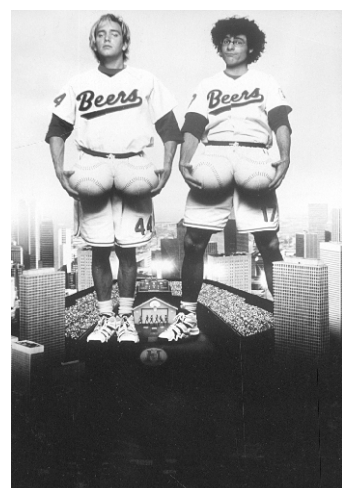
Justice League of America: on HBO

Friday, 4th October at 10:00 PM
An evil Weather Man is intent on destroying New Metro City with a series of malevolent meteorological mishaps. Can the Justice League of America save the day? You bet they can. When our old comic book favorites The Flash (Johnston), Green Lantern (Settle, I Still Know What You Did Last Summer), The Atom (John Kassir) and Fire (Hurd) are around, no harm can come to the metropolis. Enjoyable fare for kids.

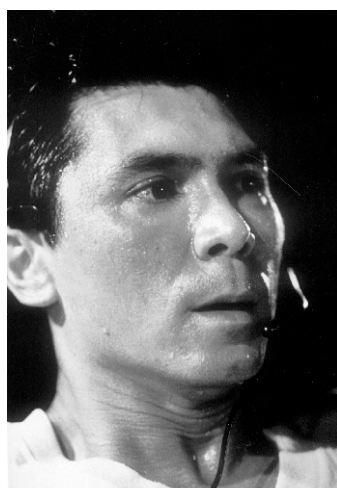


Mercury Rising on HBO Thursday, 10th October at 10:00 pm
High temperature action and suspense as Bruce Willis tries to protect the life of a young boy who has cracked a top-secret government code. When embittered FBI agent Art Jeffries (Willis) is assigned to a seemingly routine investigation he discovers that the case is far from routine. A young autistic boy who lives in a closed world of puzzles and maps has inadvertently, and quite easily, cracked a top-secret military code, called - Mercury. Discovering that the Government and especially Lt. Colonel Nicholas Kudrow (Baldwin) of the National Security Agency, who will do anything to protect the integrity of the code, Willis and the boy suddenly find themselves in peril and on the run from a team of crack assassins. Outcast from the FBI, and unable to seek the help of the police, the unlikely pair must enter each other's closed world in order to survive. Mike Hughes received the Young Artist Award for Best Performance in a Feature Film - Leading Young Actor.

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"Basketball" on HBO
Monday, 7th October at 10:00 PM
It's Dodgers versus the Nicks in this sports farce about two losers who become overnight winners when a game they invent in their driveway becomes a professional league sport. The game? A combination of basketball and baseball, where hoop shooters play to the tune of baseball rules. The players? It's a super tag-team combo of darker than dark, trash-talking South Park branchchild-duo Trey Parker and Matt Stone and spoof-genius David Zucker. And here's the real three-pointer it's based on a true story! A real no-brainer for those who can't decide between baseball and basketball.



Night Visions:
"Episode 2: Dead Air/Renovation"
Sunday, 6th October at 8:30 PM
The chilling Night Visions series continues with "Dead Air". A Radio-Jockey, Tom (Phillips, Hangman), who takes immense pleasure in hosting an after-dark show and talking about scary stuff gets a taste of his own medicine as a caller creeps him out one night with crazy co-incidences. And in "Renovation", a family inhabits a house with a mysterious past, only to find history repeating itself as the horrifying secret resurfaces to haunt the man of the house (Bellows, Ally Mcbeal).



On Star Movies at 7:00 on October 6. Billy Elliot. Billy Elliot is the touching and heartwarming story of a young boy from a working-class family who discovers a passion that will change his life forever. Eleven-year-old miner's son Billy Elliot is on his way to boxing lessons when he stumbles upon a ballet class. Billy secretly joins the class, knowing that his blue-collar family would never understand. Under the guidance of his teacher Mrs. Wilkinson, Billy's raw talent takes flight. But when his father discovers his son's ambition, Billy must fight for his dreams and his destiny.

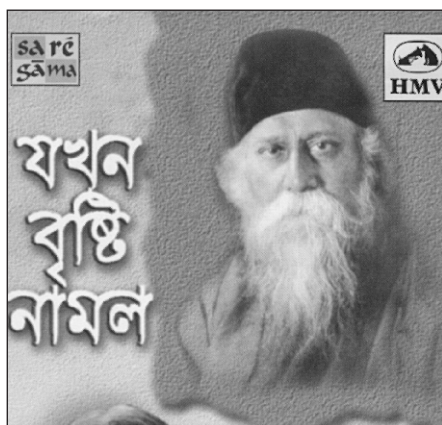


"Bingo"
Sunday, 6th October at 3:00 PM
A hot date with a cocka spaniel, a bottle of the bubbly and a rose wedged between his canines is too much of a distraction for shade-wearing mutt Bingo, whose master's moving to Wisconsin without him! Bingo's got to travel cross-country, from Denver to Wisconsin, to tail his master. But not before he takes a drunken test, rescues a family from bank robbers, testifies in court at the robber's trial and is sent to prison! But nothing's gonna hold the puppy-powered pooch from reuniting with his master.

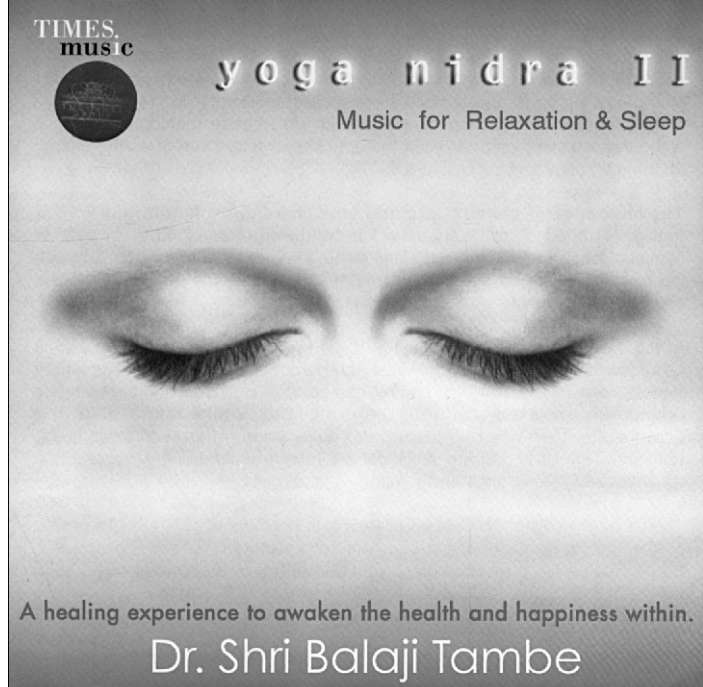
Audio CD

Best of Sanjida Khatoun

Audio cassette of Tagore songs
Price: Tk. 60.00
She is one of the all-time best Tagore singers from Bangladesh whose famed voice has enchanted Bangla music lovers across the region and this album contains some of those memorable, ever-green compositions of Tagore sung by the artist.

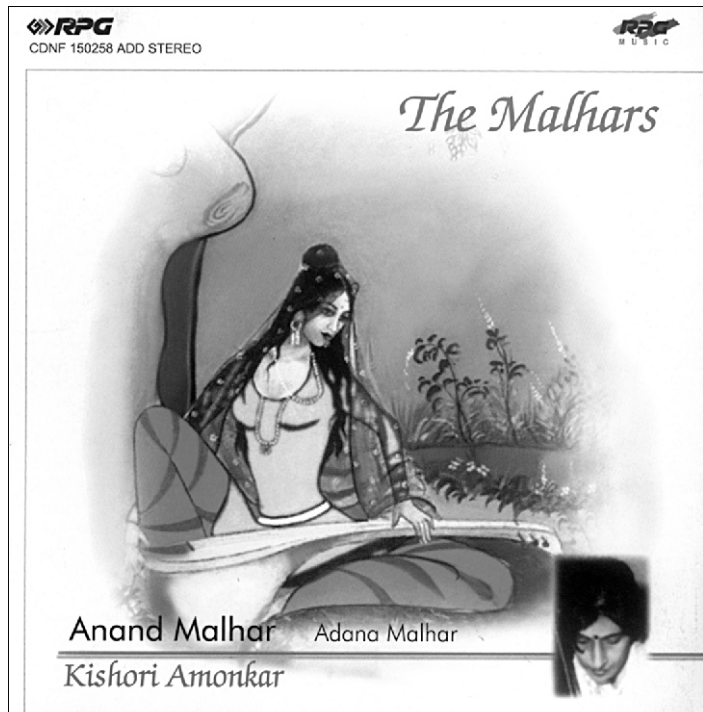


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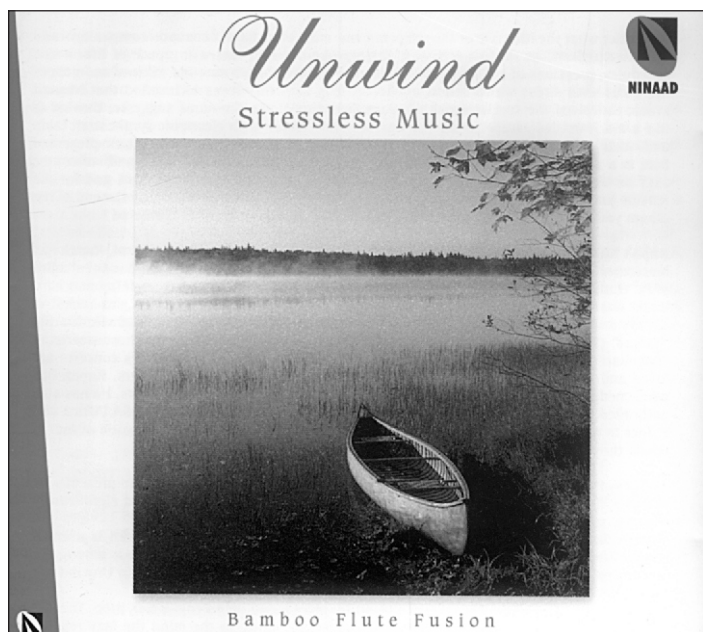
Yoga Nidra II

Music for relaxation and sleep Price: Tk. 400.00
Yoga Nidra is one of the most effective techniques to achieve good sleep, a healthy body and the possibility to experience beyond. It restores possibility of deep sleep. Advance practice of the yoga style can give an experience which is beyond words.



The Malhars

Anand Malhar, Adana Malhar and Kishori Amonkar Price: Tk. 525.00
The alhars are an ancient group of Ragas associated with the life-giving monsoons of India. Malhars have been created through styles of folk songs and from other ragas. Individual character of each Malhar against the backdrop colours of the Malhar ang has a mysterious upward quality of blossoming life.

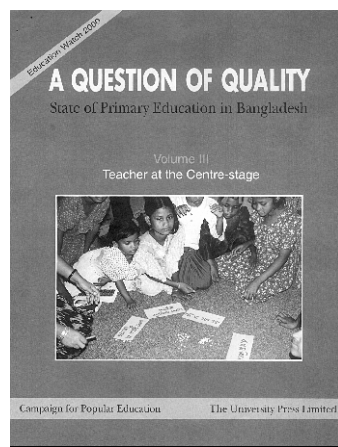


Unwind

Stressless music Price: Tk. 550.00
As the name suggests, Unwind is like an escape route. The Bamboo flute fusion with electronic synthesizer, tabla and other side rhythms makes one feel relaxed, calm and refreshed. The de-stressing can instantly be felt.

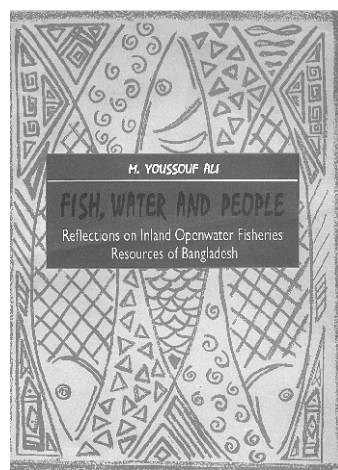
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Books



A Question of Quality

State of Primary Education in Bangladesh Volume III: Teacher at the centre-stage
Mahmudul Alam, Muhammad Nazmul Huq
Price: Tk. 300.00
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. It is done for both formal and non-formal sub-systems by (i) assessing students completing the primary cycle against a set of terminal competencies recommended by the government and (ii) by studying the state of teacher education.



Fish, water and people

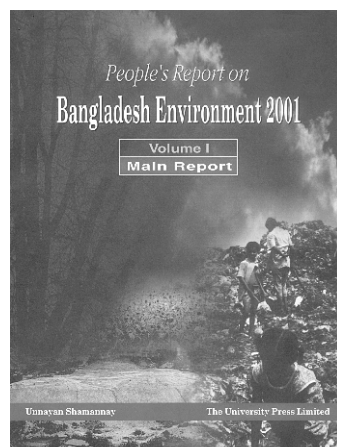
Reflections on Inland Openwater Fisheries Resources of Bangladesh
M Youssouf Ali, Price: Tk. 300.00
Openwater fisheries are major aquatic common property resources in Bangladesh. Fish, Water and People are three of the most important ingredients in the life of Bangladesh. Dr M Youssouf Ali is a leading fisheries biologist with over five decades of experience as a spokesman for fisheries development in Bangladesh. He critically analyses the trends in the development of agriculture, infrastructure and fisheries. It is a reflection on past experiences, present practices and future trends and threats to the valuable openwater ecosystem and its resources. The book addresses the issues of the aquatic ecosystems of one of world's largest flood-plains, their living resources and habitat. It analyses the water resources projects, water pollution, status and methodologies of catch assessment and looks at the management issues of openwater capture fisheries. This book presents a picture of the conflicts between the retention of fish habitats and need for croplands and also the need for the protection of biodiversity.



The Lemon Tree

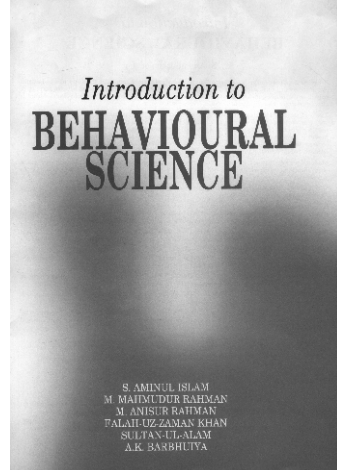
Sitakant Mahapatra, Price: Tk. 250.00
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Source: University Press Limited



People's Report on Bangladesh Environment 2001

Volume I: Main Report
Editors: Atiur Rahman, M Ashraf Ali and Farooque Chowdhury
Price: Tk. 850.00
People's Report on Bangladesh Environment 2001 is a pioneering attempt at capturing environmental perception of the citizens of the country. The Report focuses on people's livelihood and liberty, their land, food security and other basic rights; their aspiration for quality governance and equity; their struggle for survival with dignity and creativity. It ably puts 'people first' and brings them at the centre stage of decision-making process on environmental management.



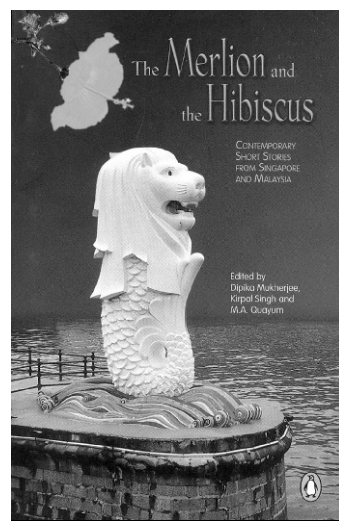
Introduction to Behavioural Science

S Aminul Islam, Price: Tk. 320.00
Behavioural science or social science represents a vast body of exciting knowledge about how men and women live in society and cope with it, how they create the social world in which they live and how the miracles of science and technology impinge upon it. Thus there is an increasing recognition that behavioural science is also important for other sciences and medical science, in particular. This work signals the beginning of a new genre of innovative textbooks in Bangladesh. This is an authoritative and need-based book which draws upon the current knowledge of behavioural or social science and has been specifically written for medical students. It is divided into two modules. Module 1 provides a brief introduction to different behavioural sciences and focuses upon some of the key concepts and principles of sociology. It explores the social and cultural aspects of illness, the doctor-patient interface, and the pattern of morbidity and mortality in Bangladesh.



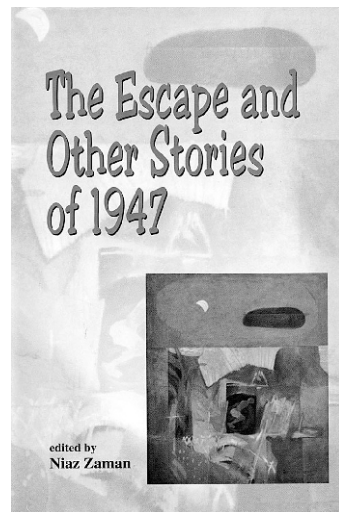
Poems from South Asia

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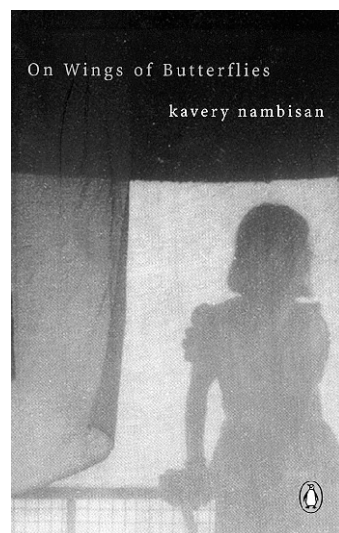
The Merlion and the Hibiscus

Edited by: Dipika Mukherjee, Kirpal Singh & M.A. Quayum, Price: Tk. 319.00
The Merlion and the Hibiscus brings together the work of nineteen exceptional writers from Singapore and Malaysia. Written over the last fifty years, these stories reflect the richness of a multicultural society and its experience of war and colonialism. In Gopal Baratham's 'The Interview', a veteran of the Second World War looks back on his years as a Japanese prisoner of war and his unique relationship with his interrogator. In 'Victoria and Her Kimono', the author parodies the legacy of colonialism. In 'Bugis' an encounter with a transvestite opens a teenager's eyes to the shallowness of the world around her and to her own hidden desires.



The Escape and Other Stories of 1947

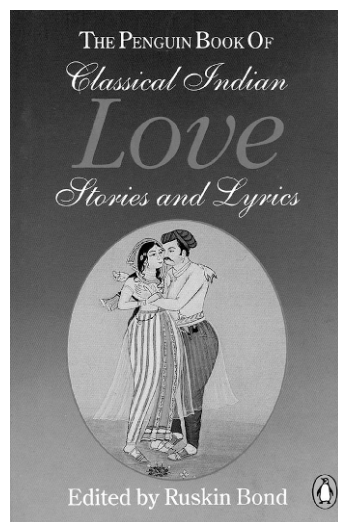
Edited by: Niaz Zaman
Price: 200.00
The creation of the two nation states of Pakistan and India in 1947 was accompanied by the partition of the Punjab in the west and Bengal in the east. While there is much literature available about the effects of partition in the west, there is little about the impact of partition on East Pakistan/Bangladesh. The Escape and Other Stories of 1947 brings together a range of stories that focus on the consequences of the partition on the people of East Pakistan/Bangladesh.



On Wings of Butterflies

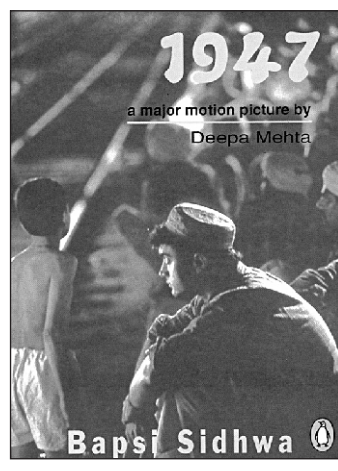
Author: Kavery Nambisan, Price: 280.00
When a determined young woman in Panjim sets out to unite 'the world's largest minority', the ripples are felt in the lives of thousands across the country: crusty career women, complacent housewives, angst-ridden teenagers, and of course, men who had never conceived of a world where women ruled!
Leading the battle from the front are a bunch of passionate, straight-talking women: Fierce, man-hating Lidvia; politically savvy Kripa; gutsy police officer Tara; the sultry Rani of Kantiapur; and their unlikely motivator: twenty-year-old Evita, scarred by childhood memories of her mother's sexual encounters and fiercely committed to the Cause.

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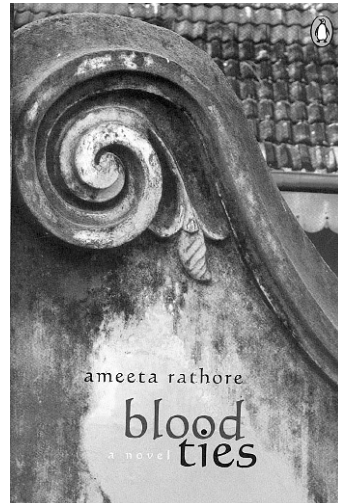
Classical Indian Love Stories and Lyrics

Edited by: Ruskin Bond, Price: 280.00
Set in regions of great natural beauty where Kamadeva, the god of love, picks his victims with consummate ease, these stories and lyrics celebrate the myriad aspects of love. In addition to relatively well known works like Kaidasa's Meghadutam and Prince Ilango Adigal's Shilappadikaram, the collection features lesser-known writers of ancient India like Damodaragupta (eighth century AD), whose 'Loves of Haralata and Sundarasena' is about a high-born man's doomed affair with a courtesan; Janna (ninth century), whose Tale of the Glory-Bearer is extracted here for the story of queen who betrays her handsome husband for a mahout, reputed to be the ugliest man in the kingdom; and the Sanskrit poets Amaru and Mayura (seventh century), whose lyrics display an astonishing perspective on the tenderness, the fierce passion and the playful savagery of physical love.



Ice-candy-man

Author: Bapsi Sidhwa, Price: 350.00
Bapsi Sidhwa's Ice-Candy-Man is one of the most vivid and authentic novels on the Partition of India and it has caught the upheaval of those times with wit and tragic power. It is like visiting the Lahore of the 40s and the 50s and witnessing the pathos and turmoil that Partition had caused. In this novel the atrocities of the Partition are told through the naive eyes of a girl called Lenny, who is a Parsi living in Lahore and who is free from prejudices of religion and who keenly observes the social changes around her. Lenny's innocence amidst the riots and unrest makes the devastation around her all the more heartbreaking.



Blood Ties

Author: Ameeta Rathore, Price: 256.00
Orphaned by death and discord, Ila spends her childhood on her grandfather's Kosi River estate, inhaling the soaking jute and savouring 'the sheer delight of waste and abundance' as the zamindari draws its last breath.
Her bright world fades to black when her estranged father sues for guardianship. Tiny and terrified, Ila is sent to Patna to live with a parent she has never known and enters a reign of terror, her father bent on 'reforming' her to avenge his expulsion by her mother. Forbidden to read the books she loves, forced to wear dowdy clothes and shushed at every turn, Ila dreams of escape. Yet when she finally has a chance, her choice is surprisingly difficult.