

PICK OF THE WEEK



The Movie

**Posse**  
On HBO Wednesday, 13th November at 10:00PM  
Kirk Douglas stars in and directs this western adventure. In 1890s Texas, ruthless US marshal Douglas will stop at nothing in his campaign for the Senate. His political ambitions pit him against desperado Bruce Dern. Who will win the war of attrition?



The Sport

**ODI Cricket match no. 2 and 3 of a 7-match series**  
Live on DD Sports & DD National  
On Nov. 9 and Nov. 12 from India at 9:30 a.m. (BST)  
India Vs West Indies



Our Choice

**Lavyrle Spencer's**  
On Hallmark on Nov. 14 at 11:00 a.m.  
Home Song. Are there sins of the heart beyond forgiving? The answer is revealed in this film based on Lavyrle Spencer's powerful novel of a family whose future is imperiled by the past.

Satellite TV



**True Lies**  
Sunday, 10th November at 9:30PM  
To Arnold Schwarzenegger's wife and daughter, he's a boring computer salesman. To his two lives collide? Jamie Lee Curtis, co-stars in this "furiously inventive, thrill-packed movie" (NY Times) as the wife who discovers that she doesn't know her husband at all.... but really likes the one she's just discovered! with Tia Carrere, Bill Paxton (Vertical Limit), Art Malik and Charlton Heston.



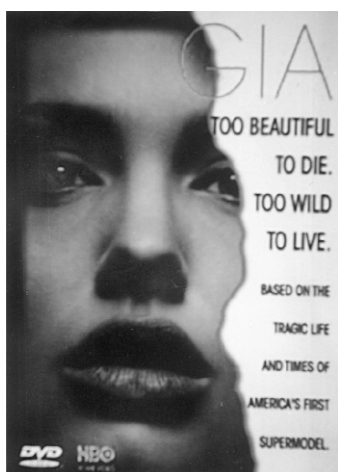
**Madeline**  
Saturday, 9th November at 10:00PM  
Adapted from the 1939 classic children's book of the same name, this film has been dubbed by USA Today as a "dozes of summer sweetness." And sweet it is. Shot entirely in Paris, this is a picture perfect representation of the little heroine's world. Madeline and her eleven friends live in a school run by Miss Clavel (McDormand). She may be the smallest but she is also the most daring. She gets into scrapes and little adventures, especially when Lord Covington (Hawthorne) decides to sell the school and a friend Pepito is in danger of getting kidnapped.



**Saving Private Ryan** on HBO  
Monday, 11th November at 10:00PM  
Winner of five Academy Awards including Best Director for Steven Spielberg, this mega blockbuster is credited with authentically recreating the setting and the horror of D-Day in Normandy. The story centers on the mission to recover one soldier, a Private Ryan (Damon). No one knows whether he is dead or alive behind enemy lines, but his survival is crucial since 3 of his brothers have already died in previous battles.



**Payback** on HBO  
Thursday, 14th November at 10:00PM  
It was an easy heist for 2 thieves, Porter (Academy Award winner Gibson, Braveheart, Signs) and Val, the money couldn't get any hotter. But when it came time to split the goods, Val made three big mistakes: he took Porter's money, he took Porter's wife, and he tried to take Porter's life. Fast-forward to the present Porter is back. He wants his money, and he doesn't care how he gets it or how many people he has to kill to get it.



**Gia**, Friday, 8th November at 12:15PM  
Gia is the heartbreaking biopic of Gia Carangi (Jolie, Original Sin) who became a supermodel at the age of 18 by gracing the covers of Cosmopolitan, Vogue and advertising campaigns for Versace. But her meteoric rise to fame and notoriety is laced with sordid tales of heroine and cocaine abuse. Gia would later die from AIDS in 1986 - one of the first women in America to die from the dreaded disease. Faye Dunaway co-stars as Wilhelmina Cooper, Gia's agent and surrogate mother. As the ill-fated Gia, Jolie picked up the Grand Jury Award for Outstanding Actress in a Feature Film at the LA Outfest, Outstanding Performance by a Female Actor in a TV Movie/Miniseries at the Screen Actors Guild Awards, and Best Performance by an Actress in a Miniseries/Motion Picture made for TV at the Golden Globes.

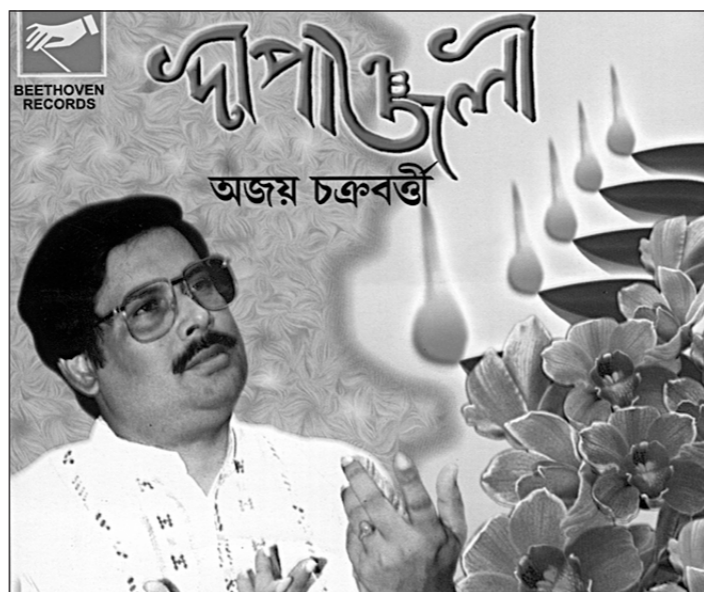


**Hallmark on Nov. 11 at 11:00 p.m.** White Dwarf. In a futuristic world, two clashing cultures inhabit the planet Rustia, the peaceful Lightsiders, who live on the side of the planet that receives perpetual daylight, and the violent Darksiders, who live on the planet's dark side. The handsome but arrogant Dr. Driscoll Rampart has been assigned to work on the planet, and while he looks for a way to return to Earth, he meets and falls in love with the daughter of the King of the Darksiders. In this vivid and lavishly told story from Francis Ford Coppola, the lines between love and hate, and trust and betrayal, are often not as clear as those between dark and light.



**Hallmark on Nov. 9 at 3:00 p.m.** Falling from grace. John Mellencamp makes his acting and directorial debut in this story by Larry McMurtry about a rock star's desperate attempt to recapture his youth and a life he left behind long ago. When Bud Parks returns to his Indiana hometown with his wife, he finds himself picking up with his former girlfriend (Kay Lenz) and with the hard-drinking, high-wire ways that once made him famous.

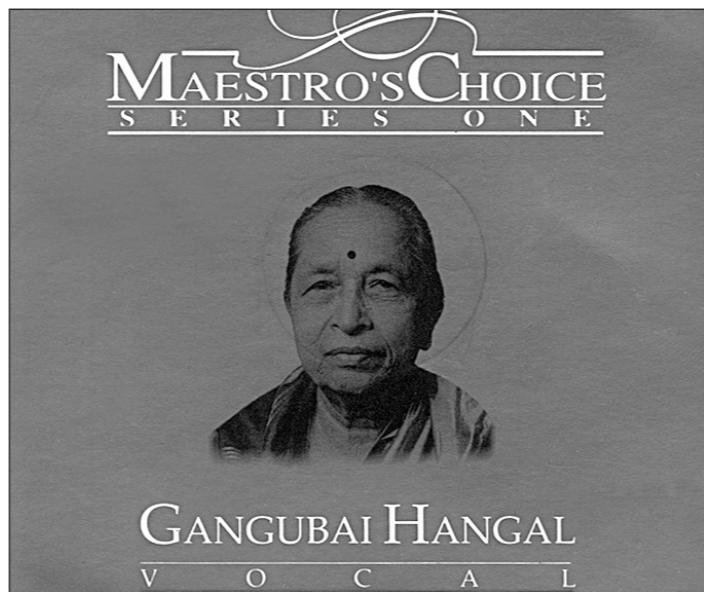
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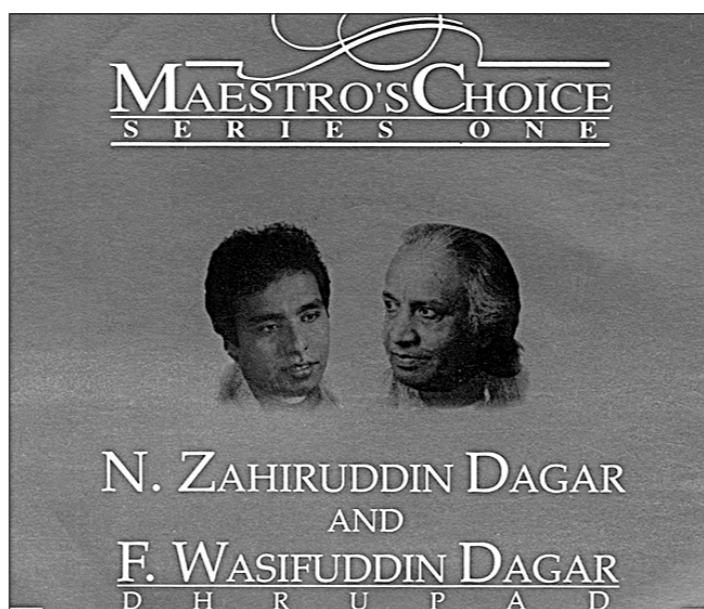
**Dipanali**  
By Ajay Chakravarti Price: Tk. 150.00  
Ten songs of spiritual sanctity enrich this album in Bangla, sung by a great Bengali vocal of the contemporary times. Is a must for the connoisseur of religious devotee.



**Momo chitney Niti Nrittya**  
Dance songs of Tagore's compositions for children Price: Tk. 150.00  
Twelve compositions make the album a fine one and a compulsory collection for the guardians who intend to groom their kids in the best possible way in classical dance.



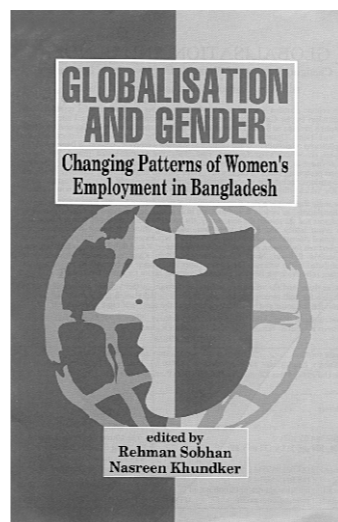
**Gangubai Hangal Vocal**  
Maestro's Choice Series One price: Tk. 400.00  
For the first time ever, comes from Music Today, a series compiled by great masters of Indian classical music, both Hindustani and Karnatic, in the ragas of their choice. Giving their own unique expression to a matchless variety of melodic moods through ragas and kritis, they have specially selected the numbers for this series.



**N. Zahiruddin Dagar And F. Wasifuddin Dagar - Dhrupad**  
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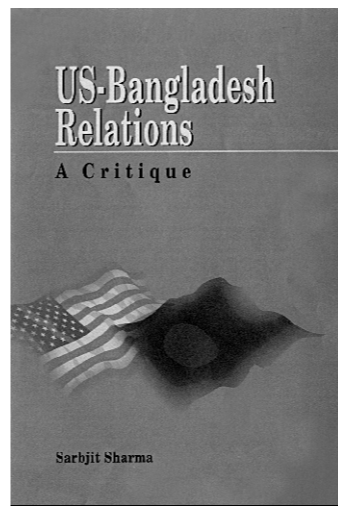
Books



**Globalisation and Gender**  
Changing Patterns of Women's Employment in Bangladesh  
edited by Rehman Sobhan and Nasreen Khandker  
Price: Tk. 400.00

The volume contains a set of papers which summarises the findings of a research study undertaken by the Center for Policy Dialogue in collaboration with the United Nations Research Institute on Social Development. It complements the work in other countries such as Viet Nam, Uganda, Morocco and Jamaica. The main issues addressed are the implications of globalisation and changes in the macro-economic context in Bangladesh. Its impact on women's employment, particularly the unprecedented growth of female employment in the ready-made garments sector of the economy and the rapidly growing export processing zones of the country. Other parallel changes in the economy which are also explored include the gender impact of targeted micro-credit and other programmes of NGOs, which influenced women's participation in the economy, particularly in rural areas.

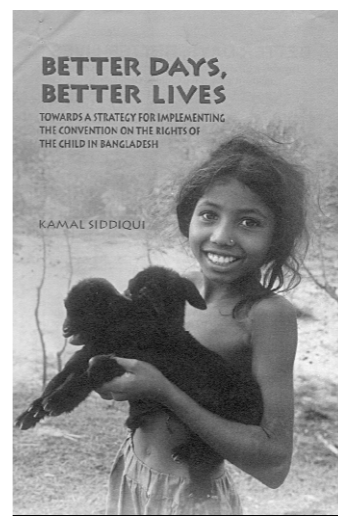
The study thus makes a significant contribution in understanding the female labour market in Bangladesh. Its various dimensions are looked into, such as household decision-making processes and the role of the community, the socialisation processes of female labour into the urban setting and at the workplace, including efforts at labour organisation; the continued changes in global configurations and adjustments made at the plant level with implications for women workers. Eminent researchers Rita Afsar, Debapriya Bhattacharya, Mustafizur Rahman, Nazi Kibria, Shamsul Islam Khan and Simeen Mahmud have contributed to the volume. The review paper was written by Nasreen Khandker and the preface is by Professor Rehman Sobhan, Chairman, Centre for Policy Dialogue.



**US-Bangladesh Relations**  
A Critique  
Sarbjit Sharma, Price: Tk. 400.00

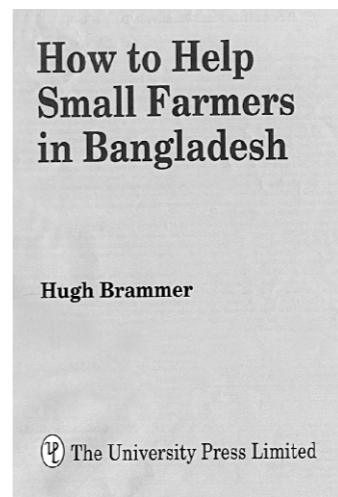
This book is an effort to deal with various aspects of US-Bangladesh relations. It examines the US attitude towards struggle for liberation of Bangladesh, and the delay caused by the United States in granting recognition on the pretext that Bangladesh was not yet sovereign because of presence of Indian troops in Bangladesh. The first bilateral agreement was signed between the United States and Bangladesh in May 1972 followed by establishment of diplomatic relations between the two countries. Sending of an envoy by President Nixon in July 1972 also added to development of a bridge of positive relationship. Mujib adopted a Constitution with a Presidential type of government in 1975, resulting in ban of opposition political parties. The failure of the government to solve basic problems in the country seriously tarnished the image of Sheikh Mujib. During the Ziaur Rahman regime, there was significant development in US-Bangladesh relations. The US Army had launched the largest disaster relief operation following Bangladesh's worst natural disaster in 1991.

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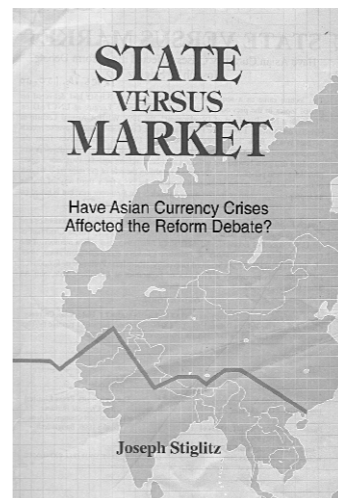
**Better Days, Better Lives**  
Towards a Strategy for Implementing the Convention on the Rights of the Child in Bangladesh  
by Kamal Siddiqui, Price: Tk. 200.00

A pioneering effort, this book provides a penetrating analysis of problems facing the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) in Bangladesh, and offers, hopefully, realistic solutions. Its relevance extends to all developing countries where progress in children's rights leaves much to be desired even after a decade of the adoption of the CRC by the international community. The book is a must for researchers, policy makers and practitioners in the field.



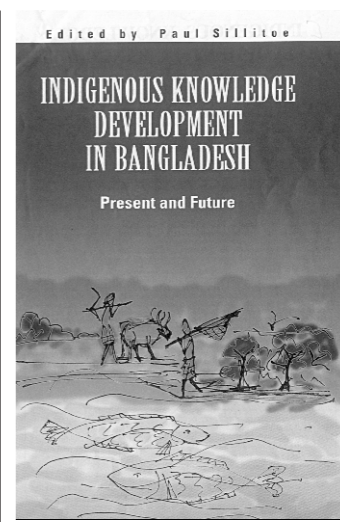
**How to Help Small Farmers in Bangladesh**  
by Hugh Brammer, Price: Tk. 1500.00

In the sixth volume of his collected works on agriculture in Bangladesh, the author brings together selected papers, updated by footnotes, which describe the country's agricultural environment, crops, cropping systems and a wide range of practical methods to help small farmers to increase soil fertility, crop yields and annual agricultural production. This book is aimed particularly at government and NGO agricultural extension workers, agricultural teachers and students, and visiting foreign consultants. It provides practical training models and material, and makes available information in reports and papers which previously had a limited circulation.



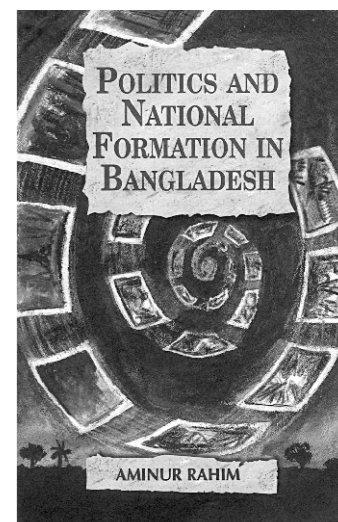
**State Versus Market**  
Have Asian Currency Crises Affected the Reform Debate?  
by Joseph E. Stiglitz, Price: Tk. 100.00

This lecture came as a sequel to the lectures Professor Stiglitz had delivered on related topics in the previous months: the 1998 Prebisch Lecture at UNCTAD on "Towards a New Paradigm of Development," the 1998 WIDER Annual Lecture in Helsinki on "Moving Toward the Post-Washington Consensus", and a keynote speech at the World Bank conference in Seoul in 1999 on "Perspectives from the Comprehensive Development Paradigm." In his search for a new development paradigm that goes beyond the orthodox neoliberal reform agenda, Professor Stiglitz provides a fresh perspective on the debate regarding the role of the state vis-a-vis that of the market.



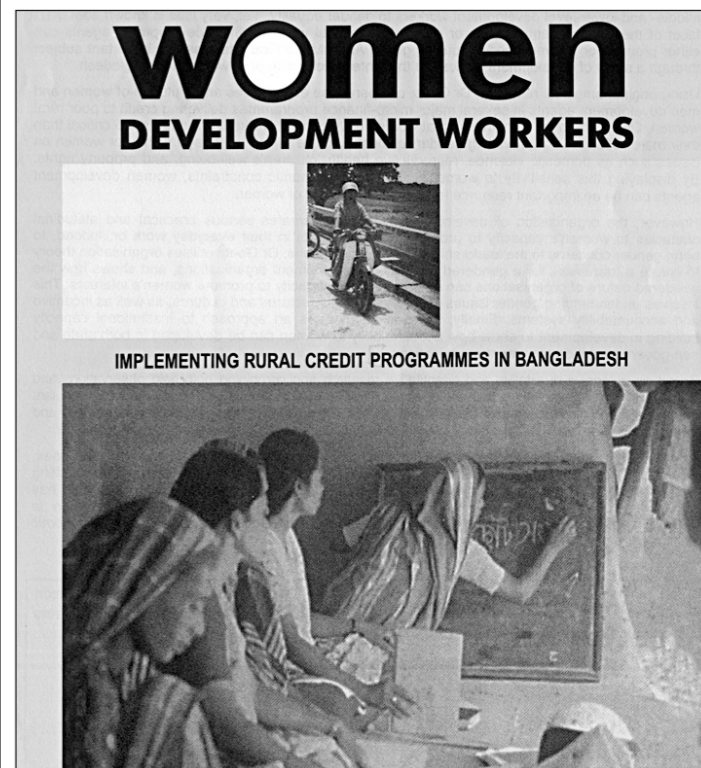
**Indigenous Knowledge Development in Bangladesh**  
Present and Future  
Edited by Paul Sillitoe, Price: Tk. 425.00

Development has failed to deliver on many of its promises to nations such as Bangladesh. Even worse, it stands accused sometimes of making matters worse, particularly for the poorest of the poor. The policies imposed from above by international agencies and central governments have been sadly at variance with the needs and aspirations of ordinary people. The development 'industry', concerned at evidence of the damage inflicted by its well-intentioned actions, has been searching for sometime past for alternative approaches. Indigenous knowledge in development is one of the new approaches being pioneered. It is emerging within the context of increasingly popular participatory approaches. It works from below, at the 'grassroots'. It aims to make local voice heard more effectively.



**Politics and National Formation in Bangladesh**  
by Aminur Rahim, Price: Tk. 300.00

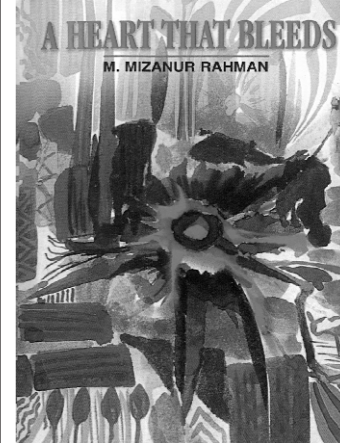
The book is about the identity politics in a post-colonial society that motivated the Bengali Muslims to participate in Bangladesh's independence movement. Its approach is a major departure from the traditional analysis which tends to suggest that nationalist movement is a non-contradictory political movement. To the contrary, the book argues, like all other social movements, the nationalist movement responds to restructuring the power relation in a society. The book takes both historical and structural approaches to show the class and cultural dynamics of the nationalist movement in Bangladesh, by critiquing the mainstream literature on nationalism and applying it to the Bangladeshi context. From this perspective the fluidity of the political and cultural dynamics in colonial and post-colonial Muslim Bengal seemed to play a crucial role in homogenizing political and cultural identity in Muslim Bengal.



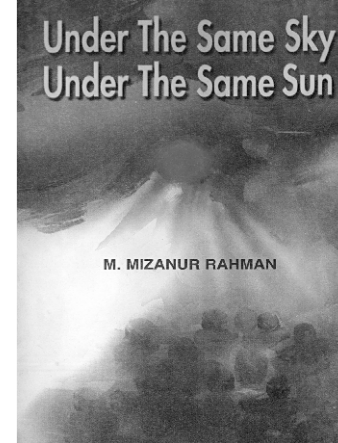
**Women Development Workers**  
Implementing Rural Credit Programmes in Bangladesh  
by Anne Marie Goetz, Price: Tk. 575.00

One of the biggest obstacles to promoting women's rights in development is the resistance of middle- and lower-level development workers to gender equality. Yet, very little is known about this facet of the development process or about the practical ways in which development agents can either promote or subvert gender equality goals. Anne Marie Goetz tackles this important subject through a study of development workers in their interactions with poor women in Bangladesh. Using original empirical research, Dr Goetz compares the experiences and attitudes of women and men development agents in several major micro-finance programmes delivering credit to poor rural women. One of the book's findings is that women development workers are often more critical than their male colleagues of prevailing gender relations and are willing to engage with poor women on issues such as domestic violence, reproductive health, children's well-being, and property rights.

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**A Heart That Bleeds**  
M. Mizanur Rahman, Price: Tk. 200.00



**Under the Same Sky**  
M. Mizanur Rahman, Price: Tk. 200.00

Two books by M. Mizanur Rahman Price: Tk. 200.00 each  
Mizanur Rahman's collection of poems is a window to the world. One sees, but do not see until the poet shares his sense of wonder and enthusiasm for God's creation, the poetry is down to earth in the real world in which we live, but often do not really see.