

PICK OF THE WEEK



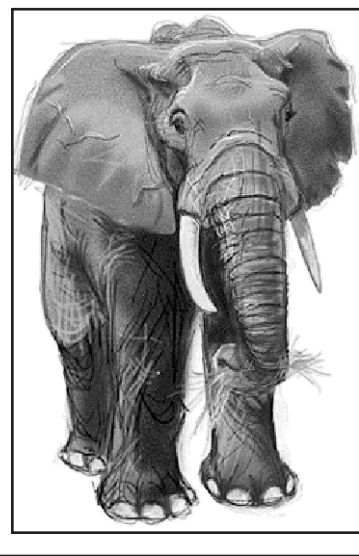
The Movie

Dalva
On Hallmark at 11:00 a.m. on Dec. 03
Dalva is the sweeping story of Dalva Northridge, a young woman of part-Sioux heritage from an old, landed family on the Nebraska plains, and of her lifelong yearning for the man she loved and the son she gave up. As a spirited fifteen-year-old, Dalva is immediately attracted to Duane Stone Horse, also fifteen, who mysteriously arrives to live on her family's farm.



The Sport

Coca-cola series ODI cricket
Live on ESPN from Chittagong on November 29 at 8:55 a.m.
Bangladesh Vs West Indies



Our Choice

The Urban Elephant
On Nat. Geog. at 8:30 p.m. on Dec. 03.
They read like stories from a soap opera: Shanthi lost her infant to a mysterious virus, and is undergoing artificial insemination in the hope that she will get a second chance at motherhood. Chendri, a Malaysian immigrant who was blinded in a conflict at a palm oil plantation arrives in the United States to begin a new life.

Satellite TV



On Hallmark at 7:00 p.m. on Dec. 05. **The Return of the Native**. This new interpretation of Thomas Hardy's 19th century masterpiece tells the turbulent story of Eustacia Vye, a young woman feeling trapped by the constraints of country life and her desire to experience the outside world. In Clym Yeobright, a native countryman just returned from Paris, Eustacia sees her opportunity, but their happiness is short-lived. Hardy's taste for tragedy sets a fateful chain of events in motion.



On Hallmark at 11:00 p.m. on Nov. 29. **Christy: Return to Cutter Gap**. Christy returns to Cutter Gap after 30 years to reminisce about the hardships and struggles she experienced there as a teacher and missionary.



On Hallmark at 7:00 p.m. on Nov. 30. **Boy Meets Girl**. This Valentine's Day will be unlike any other in one small Italian neighborhood, when the magical love poems written by Il Magnifico begin to infect everyone in town especially Mike, a writer with no passion for romance. But, as fate would have it, a beautiful waitress happens upon one of Il Magnifico's poems and believes Mike, of all people, has written it. Can true love and the truth win out in this delightful comedy?



On Hallmark at 11:00 p.m. on Dec. 04. **Back to The Secret Garden**. Decades after Mary, Colin and Dicken brought life back to the secret garden at Misselthwaite Manor, Mary and Colin, now a married couple, have turned the Manor into a home for young war orphans. When they leave for a government post abroad, Mary entrusts the orphanage, and the key to the secret garden, over to Dicken's sister, Martha. Although she holds the key, Martha is unable to find the secret magical door and won't allow the children to play in the garden.



On Hallmark at 7:00 p.m. on Dec. 01. **Little John**. Natalie Britains well-ordered life as a family court judge is about to undergo serious upheaval when her father, from whom she's long been estranged, seeks to resolve their differences. The problem is, unbeknownst to her, Natalie's father took in the baby she gave up for adoption years ago. Now, with his health failing, he wants to acquaint Natalie with her son.



On Hallmark at 7:00 p.m. on Nov. 29. **Choices of The Heart: The Margaret Sanger Story**. Margaret Sanger put her life and her family's welfare on the line when she waged war against the vehement moral crusaders of New York City in 1914. As a nurse working in the city's poorest neighborhoods, she was witness to the tide of ignorant, desperate women who risked everything to end unwanted pregnancies.



On Hallmark at 11:00 p.m. on Dec. 01. **Guilt by Association**. Academy Award winner Mercedes Ruehl stars as a single mother whose life takes a tragic turn when she's sent to prison as a co-conspirator in her boyfriend's drug-dealing business. Susan Walker's biggest crime is innocence in this intense tale, as she is unaware of her boyfriend's dealings until it's too late. When she is sentenced to 20 years behind bars, she must steel her resolve as she struggles to not only stay alive in prison but to fight the unjust sentence and get her two children back.



On Hallmark at 7:00 p.m. on Dec. 02. **Paperback Hero**. When a rough 'n' tumble Australian truck driver pens a romance novel, and then uses his best friend's name as the nom de plume, a comedy of errors ensues when a big-time publisher arrives in the Aussie outback to meet this extraordinary new "female" author. Jack never suspected that when he put Ruby's name on his first book, the deception would come back to bite him.

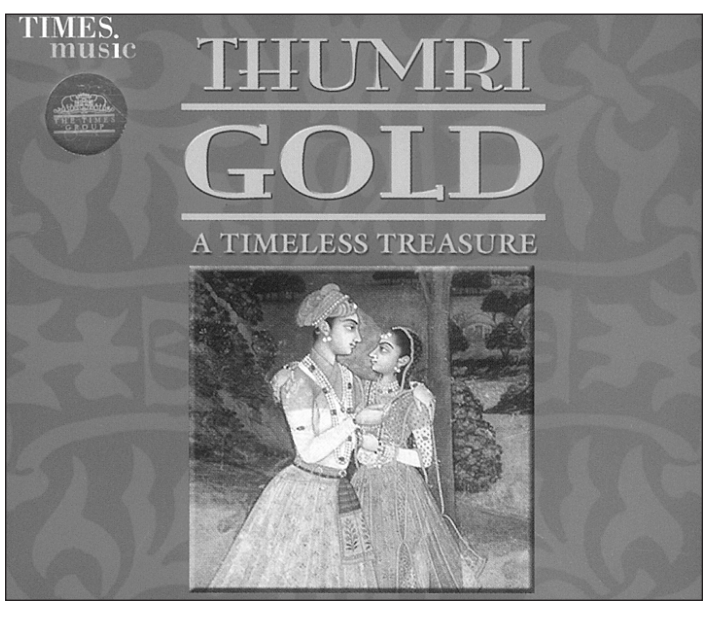


On Nat. Geog. at 3:30 p.m. on Dec. 01. **Evolution, Part of Journey of Life: The Mind's Big Bang**. Anatomically modern humans existed more than 100,000 years ago, but with crude technology, no art, and primitive social interaction. By 50,000 years ago, something had happened which triggered a creative, technological, and social explosion and humans came to dominate the planet. This was a pivotal point in our evolution, the time when the human mind truly emerged.

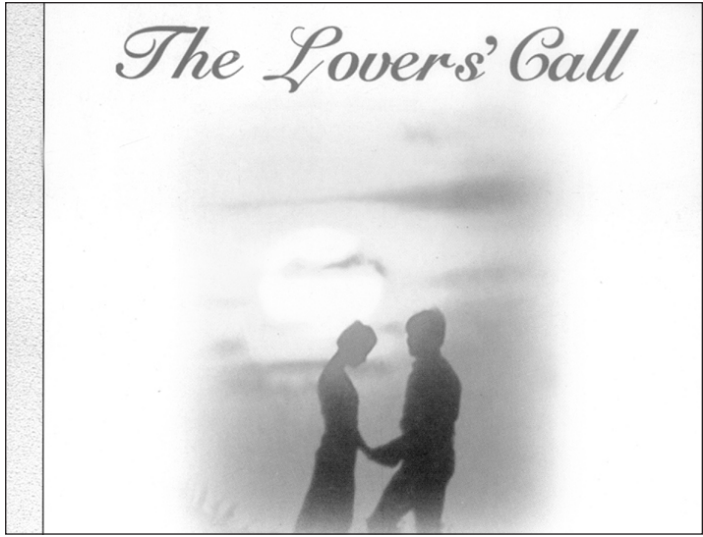


On Nat. Geog. at 11:30 p.m. on Dec. 05. **Secret China: The Road to Enlightenment**. Join a devout Buddhist on his 2,000 kilometer pilgrimage to Lhasa, kneeling in prayer after every third step. Travel to Lake Lugu and discover one of the last true matriarchal societies. From the banks of the river Yangtze to the harsh climate of the northern mountains, unveil the vanishing cultures of ancient China.

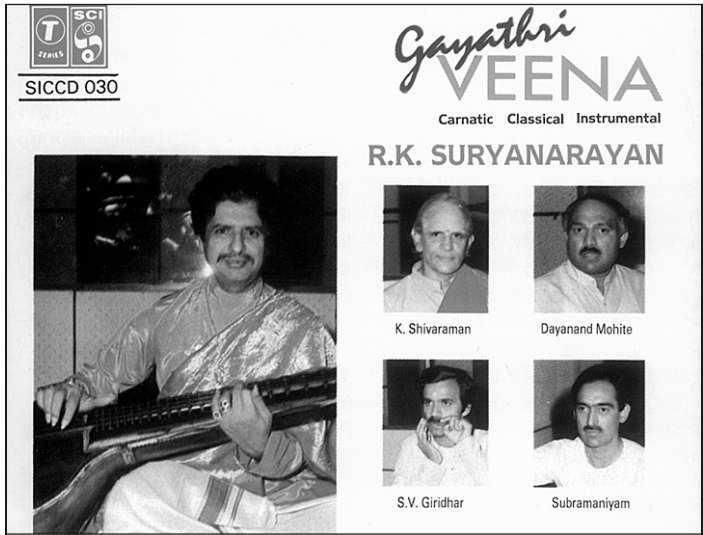
Audio CD



Thumri Gold
A timeless treasure. Price: Tk. 500.00
Pt. Bhimsen Joshi Shobha Gurtu Girija Devi Ajoy Chakravarti
One of the most poetic and popular genres of semi-classical Indian music, the Thumri is second today only to the weighty Khayal idiom. The poetic content is mainly Shringar Rasa - the romantic mood from the legends of Krishna and Radha. To celebrate this unforgettable art form, the audience is presented with Thumri Gold, a collection of four outstanding Thumris.



The Lover's Call
Ustad Rais Khan (Sitar) / Pt. Brij Bhushan Kabra (Guitar). Price: Tk. 325.00
Rais Khan was taught initially by his father Muhammad Khan. On his mother's side he is related to the sitar virtuoso Inayat Khan of the Imdadkhani gharana. Ustad Rais accomplished himself in the nature of Hindustani and Instrumental music. Pt Brij Bhushan Kabra has perhaps been the only well known exponent of the sliding guitar, until the arrival of Pt Vishwamohan Bhatt. Yet the guitar's best known exponent has been Brijbhushan Kabra.



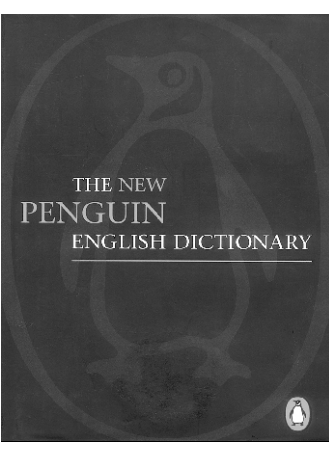
Gayathri Veena
Carnatic Classical Instrumental
R.K. Suryanarayan. Price: Tk. 180.00
The Gayathri Veena which is the instrument of Suryanarayan's eminence is in itself an inherited heirloom since over 350 years. The music presented in this album contain works of Thyagaraja and a few compositions of Suryanarayan himself.



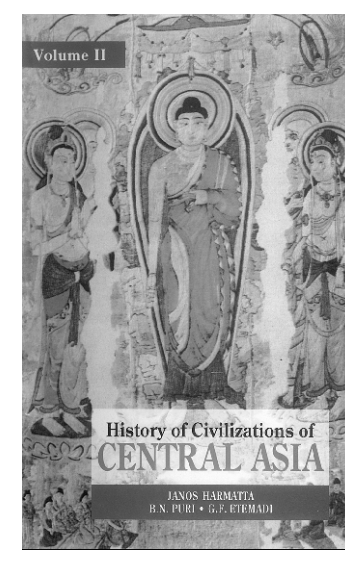
Zindagi
Classic tunes from Hindi cinema. Price: Tk. 225.00
This mood instrumental album with a combination of some of the most sophisticated instruments of the modern times like piano and saxophone takes the listener to a world of exquisite pleasure and that of ardent feeling as it presents 12 ever-green Hindi film songs from the golden past.

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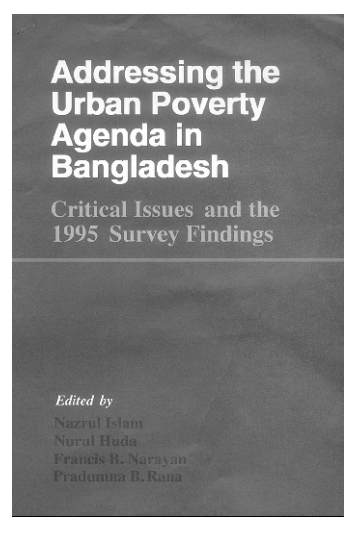
Books



The New Penguin English Dictionary
Price: Tk 1800.00
The New Penguin English Dictionary explores and explains every angle of the world's most widely spoken language. It defines the latest scientific and technical terms, as well as surveying more unusual, literary, or archaic vocabulary. It gives detailed information about correct usage (different from? different than? different to?) and words that are commonly confused with one another (imply and infer, uninterested and disinterested). It contains thousands of illustrative examples, many of them drawn from the works of major literary figures, that serve not only to show how individual words work in context, but also to give a sense of the richness and variety of English. It includes word histories that explain the often tortuous routes by which particular words have developed their meaning over the centuries. And it supplements definitions of key concepts in subject areas as diverse as physics, philosophy, politics, and music with contributions from leading experts in the field - Anthony Grayling on reason, Steven Rose on DNA, Donald Lopez on reincarnation, Catherine Belsey on deconstruction, and David Thomson on film noir. The result is a meticulously researched, superbly versatile dictionary that encompasses the huge range of the language and offers clear guidance to its many complexities.

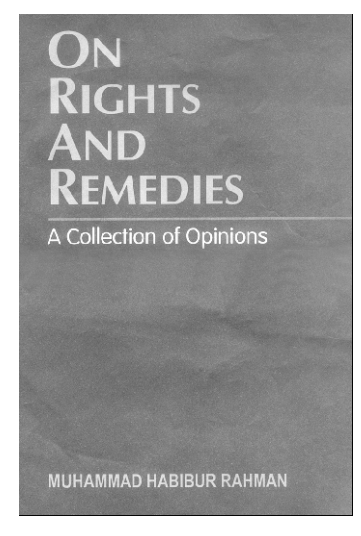


History of Civilizations of Central Asia
G F Etemadi
Price: Tk 10,000.00 (4 volume-set)
The multi-volume History of Civilizations of Central Asia is the first attempt to present a comprehensive picture of this subject. The publication of this work falls well within UNESCO's terms of reference since the underlying research was conducted by a distinguished international team of specialists which for many years laboured in harmony at the task of presenting to a wider public the civilization of this vast area located at the heart of the Eurasian continent. The volumes will reveal the cultures that flourished and vanished in this area, from the dawn of civilization to the present time. Only a few names, such as those of Samarkand, Bukhara or Khiva, are familiar to a wider public; eminent specialists, many of them native to the region, now lift the curtain to reveal a richer, more varied civilization. To a great extent, the history of the ancient and medieval world was shaped by the movements of peoples in this heartland of Eurasia, stretching from the Caspian Sea in the west to the borders of China proper in the east.



Addressing the Urban Poverty Agenda in Bangladesh
Critical Issues and the 1995 Survey Findings
Edited by Nazrul Islam, Nurul Huda, Francis B. Narayan & Pradumna B. Rana
Price: Tk 450.00

In a rapidly urbanizing world, cities in developing and developed countries are growing fast. As a consequence, urban poverty and management of urban areas are appearing as major challenges of the twenty first century. Urban poverty is a particularly acute problem in Bangladesh, a country with a large population and a low level of economic development. Most of the urban people in this country are poor and their number keeps growing rapidly, due both to natural increase and migration from rural areas. On the other hand, poverty reduction programmes in the urban areas have not been significant. The situation demands a thorough analysis of the issues related to urban poverty and estimation of the incidence of urban poverty. Indicators of urban poverty needs to be further refined. The book deals with the findings of a nationally representative sample survey of 2313 urban poor households from ten urban centres in Bangladesh conducted in 1995. An analysis of such critical issues as the urban sector's contribution to the national economy, urbanisation trends, access by the poor to health, education, housing, civic services and credit is also offered. The study highlights the deprivations faced by the urban poor and outlines an agenda for addressing urban poverty in Bangladesh. Based on both secondary sources and rich primary data, the book will be of considerable interest to social scientists, development workers, policy makers, and development partners.

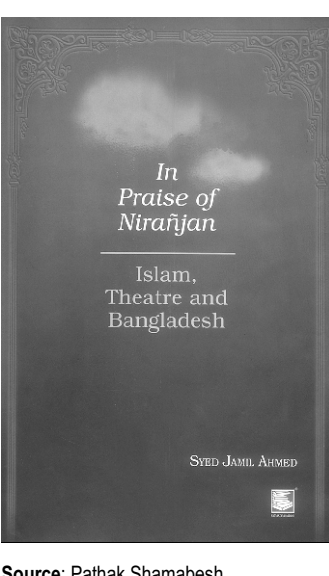


On Rights and Remedies
A Collection of Opinions
Muhammad Habibur Rahman
Price: Tk 950.00

This is a unique album of more than one hundred and seventy-five opinions on rights and remedies of the citizens of Bangladesh. The book deals with human rights under the constitution of Bangladesh and rights under the ordinary laws of the country. The prevalent practice of habeas corpus petitions and the court's obligation to protect and uphold a citizen's rights to life and personal liberty, citizenship of Bangladesh, rights to equality, freedom of association, freedom of expression, freedom of trade and business, parliamentary privileges, the doctrine of basic structure of the constitution, the remedies under the constitution, the rights of citizens in the service of the Republic and constitutionality and the scope of powers of the administrative tribunals, and the power of the highest court in the country to do complete justice are some of the few constitutional matters that will immediately attract reader's attention. The book deals with the state's eminent domain, power to acquire property, property rights of an individual, rights of way, rights of pasture, rights of preemption, rights and remedies of landlord and tenants, and licensees. The book also deals with questions of evidence, relative importance of secondary evidence, admission, statutory presumption, proofs as to parentage, interpretation of documents, the prosecutor's burden to prove his guilt and the accused's burden to bring home his plea in defence. There are opinions on the citizen's rights to criticise court's decisions and the court's right to punish for contempt of court.

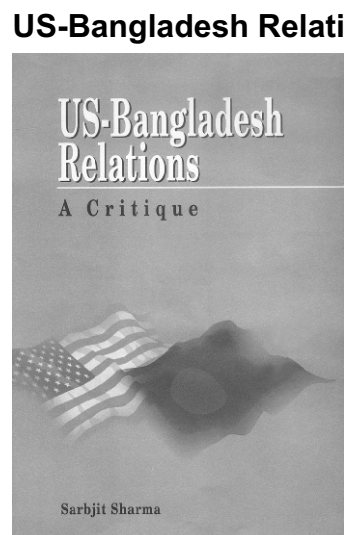


Life of Pi
Yann Martel
Price: Tk 500.00
Pi Patel lives in Pondicherry, where his father owns a zoo. When he is sixteen, his parents decide to emigrate to Canada, taking their large family with them, but tragedy strikes when the cargo ship carrying them sinks during a storm. One solitary lifeboat remains bobbing on the wild blue Pacific. In it are five survivors: Pi, a hyena, a zebra (with a broken leg), a female orangutan, and a 450-pound Royal Bengal Tiger. The scene is set for an extraordinary adventure.



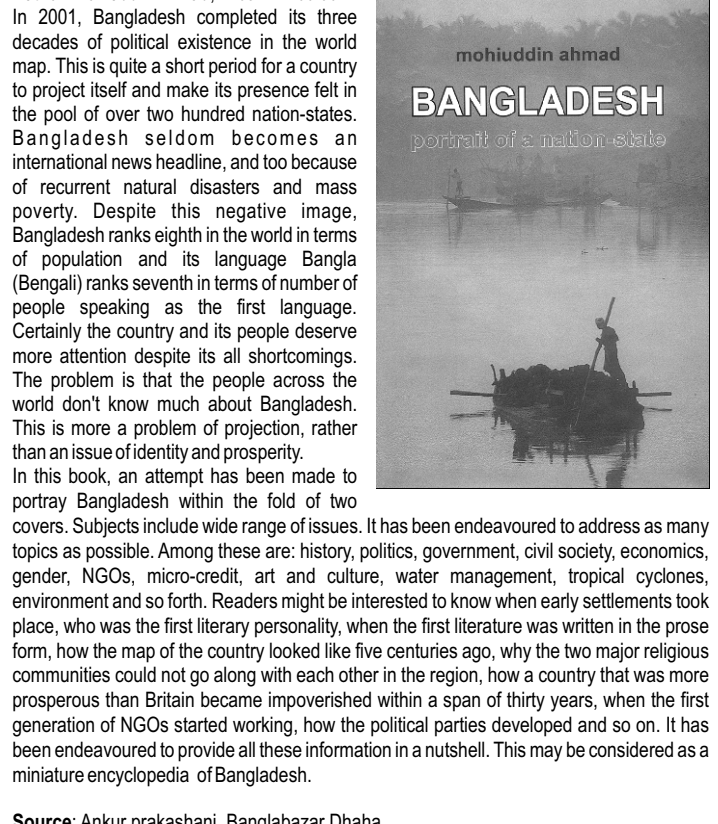
In Praise of Niranjana
Islam, Theatre and Bangladesh
Syed Jamil Ahmed, Price: Tk. 995.00
This book is in praise of Niranjana, "He who is stainless", by extension, of everything that is pure and unblemished. Performers of Islamic genres in Bangladesh sometimes offer their salutations to Niranjana. Hence the title of this book. By choosing to name it thus, the author is conscious of taking a distinct ideological stand. Amidst the clamorous wrangling of the politicians of Bangladesh, against the myopic vision of the fundamentalists, against also those liberal intellectuals who shun Islamic overtones for fear of being outdated, this book should speak for those countless and nameless performers who have offered their praise for Niranjana in their performances. They have their own answers to the questions related to Islam and theatre.

Source: Pathak Shamabesh



US-Bangladesh Relations
A Critique
Sarbjit Sharma
Source: University Press Limited

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 and 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.



Bangladesh: Portrait of a Nation-State
Author: Mohiuddin Ahmad, Price: Tk. 200.00
In 2001, Bangladesh completed its three decades of political existence in the world map. This is quite a short period for a country to project itself and make its presence felt in the pool of over two hundred nation-states. Bangladesh seldom becomes an international news headline, and too because of recurrent natural disasters and mass poverty. Despite this negative image, Bangladesh ranks eighth in the world in terms of population and its language Bangla (Bengali) ranks seventh in terms of number of people speaking as the first language. Certainly the country and its people deserve more attention despite its all shortcomings. The problem is that the people across the world don't know much about Bangladesh. This is more a problem of projection, rather than an issue of identity and prosperity. In this book, an attempt has been made to portray Bangladesh within the fold of two covers. Subjects include wide range of issues. It has been endeavoured to address as many topics as possible. Among these are: history, politics, government, civil society, economics, gender, NGOs, micro-credit, art and culture, water management, tropical cyclones, environment and so forth. Readers might be interested to know when early settlements took place, who was the first literary personality, when the first literature was written in the prose form, how the map of the country looked like five centuries ago, why the two major religious communities could not go along with each other in the region, how a country that was more prosperous than Britain became impoverished within a span of thirty years, when the first generation of NGOs started working, how the political parties developed and so on. It has been endeavoured to provide all these information in a nutshell. This may be considered as a miniature encyclopedia of Bangladesh.