

PICK OF THE WEEK



The Movie

Disturbing Behaviour
HBO, December 28 at 10.00 p.m.
A man moves to a new town and gets harassed by these annoyingly perfect "good kids". He makes friends with the local rejects, one of which is a conspiracy theorist, another who is an albino, and a third who soon becomes a romantic interest. Together they discover that the jocks are actually lobotomised zombies and that they're next in line.



The Sport

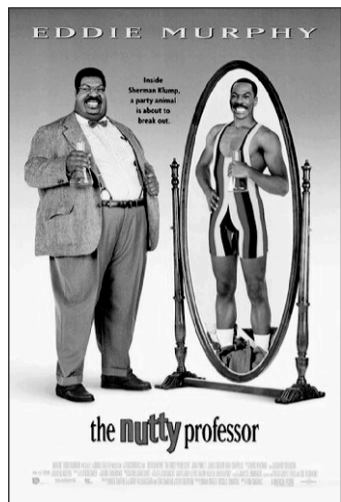
National Bank Series
Napier, NEW ZEALAND 2nd ODI on December 29 Live on ESPN 04:50 a.m.
New Zealand vs India



Our Choice

The Blues Brother
Star Movies, December 30 at 9.00 p.m.
After the release of Jake Blues from prison, he and brother Elwood go to visit the old home where they were raised by nuns. They learn the church stopped its support and will sell the place to the education authority, and the only way to keep the place open is if the \$5000 tax on the property is paid within 11 days.

Satellite TV



The Nutty Professor
HBO, December 27 at 10.00 p.m.
Sherman Klump is an incredibly fat and good-hearted man. He is a college professor on the verge of a breakthrough in DNA restructuring when he meets an admirer of his, named Carla, who is a teacher new to Klump's college. He is enamoured of her, but is frustrated by his tremendous bulk. He then decides to test a formula on which he's been working on himself. He is then transformed into the lecherous swinger, Buddy Love, and romantic complications ensue.



Striking Distance
HBO, December 29 at 09.30 p.m.
Coming from a police family, Tom Hardy ends up fighting his uncle after the murder of his father. Tom believes the killer is another cop, and goes on the record with his allegations. Demoted then to river duty, the killer taunts Tom.



Blade
HBO, December 31 at 10.00 p.m.
When Blade's mother was bitten by a vampire during pregnancy, she did not know that she gave her son a special gift while dying: the entire good vampire attributes in combination with the best human skills. Blade grew up to be a vampire hunter for revenge on his mother's death. The vampires, which managed to infiltrate nearly every major organisation, need Blade's very special blood to summon La Magra, the blood god, in order to reign over the human cattle, as they call us.



The General's Daughter
HBO, December 30 at 10.00 p.m.
The naked corpse of Captain Elisabeth Campbell, daughter of Lieutenant General "Fighting Joe" Campbell, is found staked out on the urban warfare range of Fort Mac Callum. Army CID detectives and ex-lovers Paul Brenner and Sara Sunhill are called in to investigate, and find themselves wrapped up in a maelstrom of sexual impropriety and misguided face-saving.



Desert Blue
Star Movies, December 27 at 10.00 p.m.
An academic obsessed with "roadside attractions" and his TV-star daughter finally discover the world's largest ice cream cone, the centrepiece for an old gold-rush town struggling to stay on the map. They end up staying longer than expected because of an accident that spilled an unknown cola ingredient all over the highway.



The Human Shield
Star Movies, December 31 at 10.30 p.m.
An ex-Marine who was hired to train Iraqi soldiers to fight Iran returns to Iraq as a CIA agent to free his brother, who has been imprisoned there by a renegade general.



The Hudsucker Proxy
Star Movies, December 29 at 9.15 p.m.
When Waring Hudsucker, head of hugely successful Hudsucker Industries, commits suicide, his board of directors, led by Sidney Mussberger, comes up with a brilliant plan to make a lot of money: appoint a moron to run the company. When the stock falls low enough, Sidney and friends can buy it up for pennies on the dollar, take over the company, and restore its fortunes. They choose idealistic Norville Barnes, who just started in the mailroom. Norville is whacky enough to drive any company to ruin, but soon, tough reporter Amy Archer smells a rat and begins an undercover investigation of Hudsucker Industries.

Audio CD

Rabindranath Tagore gave expression to every little moment, to the slightest emotion of our day-to-day life through his songs. His songs enable us to look at the world in a different light. Similarly love cannot be complete in expression without the songs of Kazi Nazrul Islam. On the other hand, songs of Lalou Shah are touched with the rustic Sufism that sees life from another angle, where longing for the infinite, attraction towards the unknown are the prime target of the master singer of Bangla's folk world. Bengal Foundation has come up as an inspiring model of recording house with a great collection of music CDs featuring all major singers, both seniors and juniors, and covering all important genres of music in Bangladesh.

Nazrulgeeti



Gabheer Nisheethey Ghum
Khairul Anam Shakil



Ekhone Otheni Chand
Neelufar Yasmeen

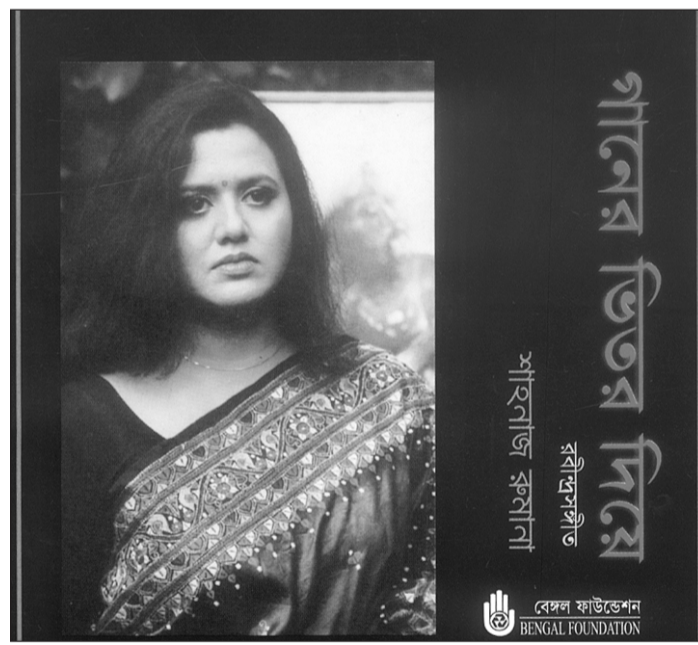
Rabindrasangeet



Chhutir Banshee Bajlo
Sanjida Khatun

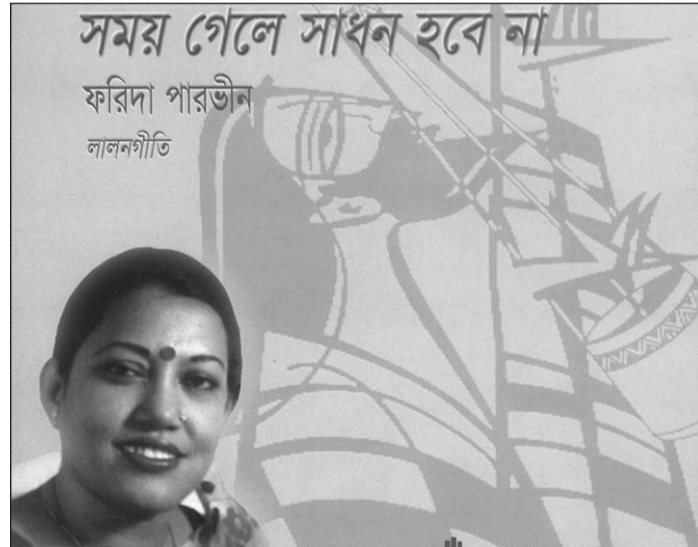


Aji Jharer Raatey
Ifat Ara Khan



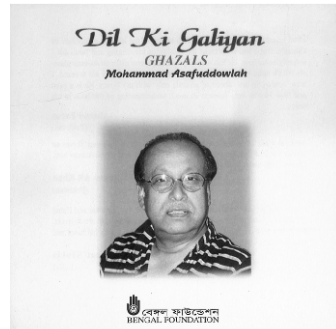
Gaan-er Bhitro Diye
Shahnaz Rumana

Lalongeeti

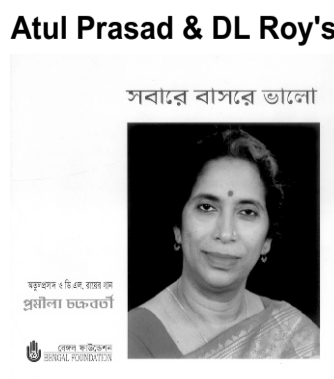


Shomoy Gele Shadon Hobey Naa
Farida Parveen

Ghazals



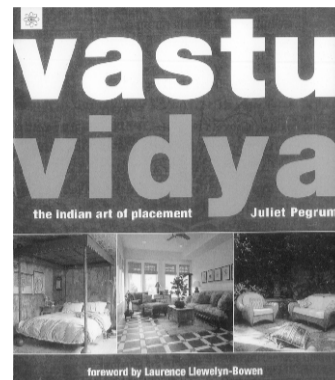
Dil Ki Galiyan
Mohammad Asafuddowlah



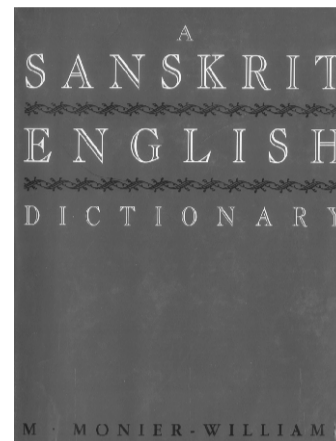
Shobarey Bashorey Bhalo
Promeela Chakrobarty

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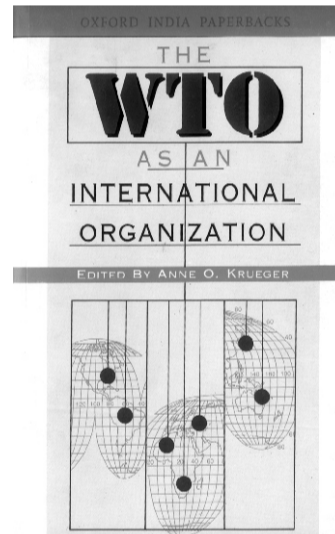
Books



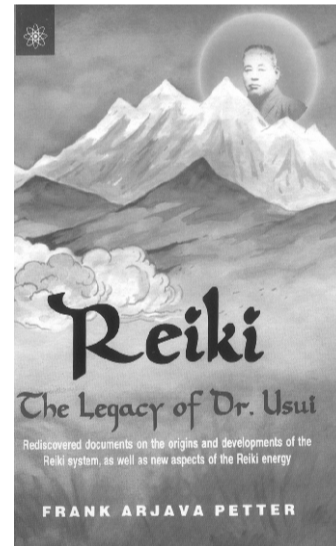
Vastu Vidya
Price: Tk 780.00
Vastu Vidya helps you design and organise your home or workplace to improve your good fortune and encourage wellbeing. Rooted in Hindu tradition that goes back thousands of years, Vastu Vidya is said to be the ancestor of Feng Shui. Vastu Vidya (literally "dwelling science" -- sometimes known simply as Vastu) seeks to align the places where we live and work with the energy of the cosmos and put us in harmony with our surroundings. Interest in Vastu is now re-emerging in India and growing rapidly in the West.



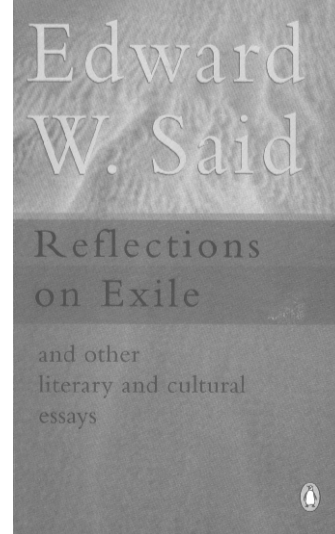
A Sanskrit-English Dictionary
Edited by M Monier-William Price: Tk 1250.00
Sir M Monier-Williams had first published his English-Sanskrit Dictionary in 1851. Subsequently, he embarked upon this Sanskrit-English Dictionary, with the primary object of exhibiting, by a lucid etymological arrangement, the structure of the Sanskrit language, the very key-stone of the science of Comparative Philology. The first edition of this Dictionary was completed in 1872 in about twelve years. This is the new Edition (1899), greatly enlarged and improved in the light of criticisms for and against the first edition, numerous printed Sanskrit texts and works and especially the three Indian journeys the author had undertaken.



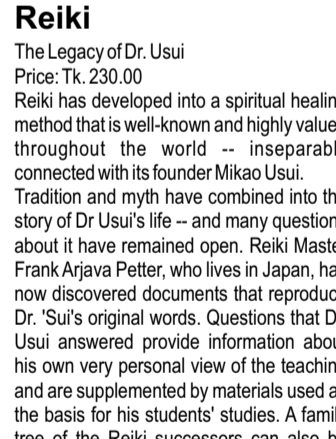
The WTO as an International Organization
Anne O. Krueger (editor) Price: Tk 450.00
This book provides a comprehensive introduction to the World Trade Organization. In this volume, some of the world's foremost authorities analyse the challenges and opportunities confronting the WTO. The book will appeal to economists and policy-makers as well as general readers interested in international trade issues.



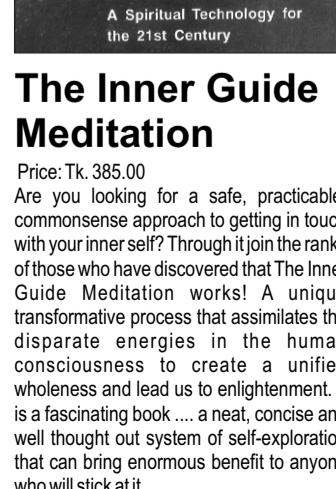
Reiki
The Legacy of Dr. Usui Price: Tk. 230.00
Reiki has developed into a spiritual healing method that is well-known and highly valued throughout the world -- inseparably connected with its founder Mikao Usui. Tradition and myth have combined into the story of Dr Usui's life -- and many questions about it have remained open. Reiki Master Frank Arjava Petter, who lives in Japan, has now discovered documents that reproduce Dr. 'Sui's original words. Questions that Dr. Usui answered provide information about his own very personal view of the teaching and are supplemented by materials used as the basis for his students' studies. A family tree of the Reiki successors can also be found here. In addition, Frank A. Petter includes insights on various topics and themes from the perspective of an independent Reiki Master.



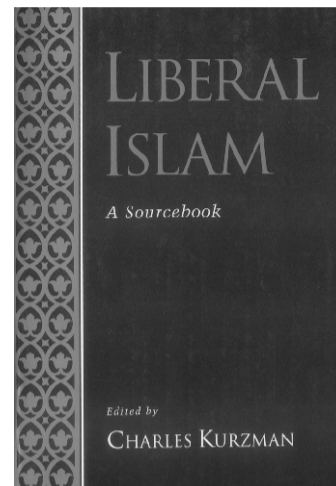
Reflections on Exile and other Literary and Cultural Essays
By Edward W Said Price: Tk 800.00
This long awaited collection brings together Edward Said's essays on literary and cultural topics from over three decades. As the title piece, 'Reflections on Exile' makes clear, the fact of Said's own exile and the fate of the Palestinians have given both form and intimacy to the questions he has pursued. Taken together, these essays give a rare insight into the formation of a critic and the development of an intellectual vocation. They cover a wide and sometimes surprising range of topics -- from the heroics of Tarzan to the shades of difference that divide Alexandria and Cairo. Said also offers major reconsiderations of writers and artists such as George Orwell, Giambattista Vico, Georg Lukács, E M Cioran, Naguib Mahfouz, Herman Melville, Joseph Conrad, Antonio Gramsci and Raymond Williams.



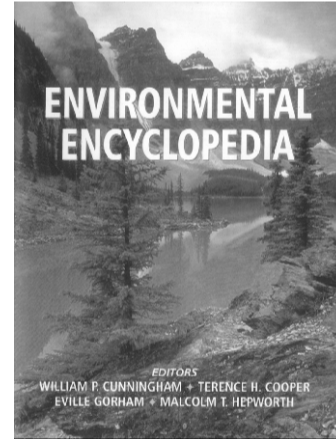
Environmental Encyclopedia
Price: Tk 6100.00
This second edition of the Gale Environmental Encyclopedia! We hope that you will find the definitions and articles here interesting and useful. As you might imagine, choosing what to include and what to exclude from this collection has been challenging. Almost everything in the world has some environmental significance, so our task has been to select a limited number of topics we think are of greatest importance in understanding our environment and our relation to it.



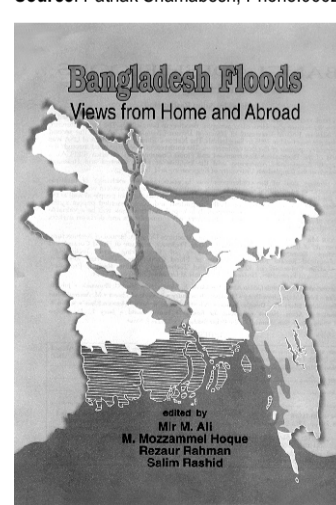
The Inner Guide Meditation
Price: Tk. 385.00
Are you looking for a safe, practicable, commonsense approach to getting in touch with your inner self? Through it join the ranks of those who have discovered that The Inner Guide Meditation works! A unique transformative process that assimilates the disparate energies in the human consciousness to create a unified wholeness and lead us to enlightenment. It is a fascinating book a neat, concise and well thought out system of self-exploration that can bring enormous benefit to anyone who will stick at it.



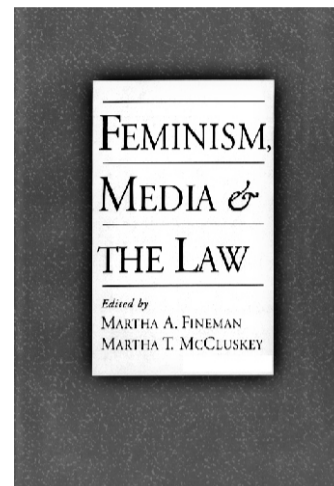
Liberal Islam: A Sourcebook
Price: Tk 1200.00
"Liberal Islam" is not a contradiction in terms; it is a thriving tradition and undergoing a revival within the last generation. This anthology presents the work of 32 prominent Muslims who share parallel concerns with Western liberalism: separation of church and state, democracy, the rights of women and minorities, freedom of thought and human progress. Although the West has largely ignored the liberal tradition within Islam, many of these authors are well-known in their own countries as advocates of democracy and tolerance. Among these are: Abdul-Karim Sorush, a leading oppositional figure in Iran; Nurcholish Madjid, a prominent Indonesian intellectual; Mahmud Mohamed Taha, a religious reformer executed by the Sudanese government; and Ali Abd al-Raziq, an Egyptian religious scholar whose writings on the separation of church and state have been controversial since the 1920s.



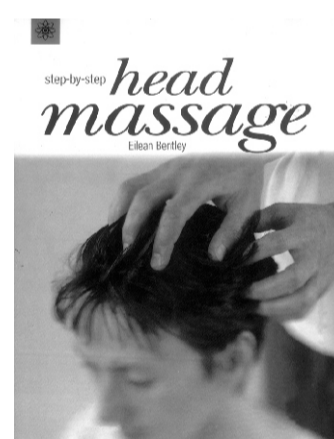
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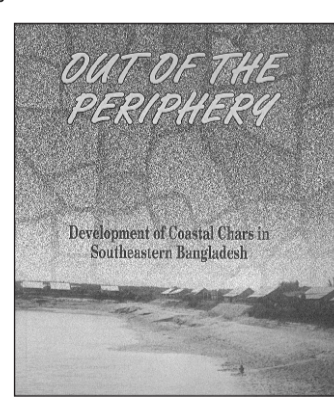
Bangladesh Floods
Views from Home and Abroad
edited by Salim Rashid et al Price: Tk 750.00
This book contains selected papers from the proceedings of two conferences arranged to discuss the recurring problem of catastrophic flooding in Bangladesh. The first conference was held in 1993 at the University of Illinois at Urbana-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.



Feminism, Media & The Law
Price: Tk. 900.00
The growing presence of women in the legal profession and the prominence of law as a site of feminist social change make the complex interrelationship between the media, feminism, and the law a critical concern across disciplines. Drawing on legal theory, cultural studies, journalism, political science, sociology, and communications, this book presents a collection of essays that explore how the media represents and constructs gender, law, and feminism. Arranged thematically, these twenty-three articles are the work of distinguished academics and activists. The collection begins with a section on "Portrayals of Feminism in the Media," which provides historical background on the media's treatment of feminist issues. The anthology proceeds with sections entitled "Feminism, Law, and Popular Culture"; "Essentializing Gender"; and "Media Images of Violence."



Step-By-Step Head Massage
By Elean Bentley Price: Tk. 750.00
Head massage relaxes, detoxifies, heals and revitalises you. Elean Bentley's step-by-step programme of massage for the head, neck and shoulders is a unique integration of mind-body therapies. Traditional Indian head massage combines with the healing powers of shiatsu, acupressure and reiki. Meditation and creative visualisation techniques guide and focus healing.



Out of the Periphery
Development of Coastal Chars in Southeastern Bangladesh
Edited by Koen de Wilde, Price: Tk 675.00
A range of vulnerabilities, and an unfulfilled potential for development are the main features of the coastal belt in the southeastern part of Bangladesh. On a day-to-day basis the people living on the coastal belt has to address vulnerabilities as diverse in nature as drainage congestion and the salinity of the soil constraining agricultural yields, cyclones and storms that pose risks to lives and property. Additionally, a heterogeneous social environment with undue influence of well positioned land grabbers can make life and living difficult. In the newly formed areas along the coast of the Bay of Bengal, the government is hardly present, leading to low access to public services. Promoting development in such a situation is a considerable challenge. This book describes and reflects upon how the response to this challenge was given shape in char areas in the southern part of Noakhali District.

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