

PICK OF THE WEEK



The Movie

Daylight
On HBO, June 01 at 9.30 p.m.
When a bunch of runaway robbers in a getaway car hit the tunnel connecting Manhattan and New Jersey. Trouble strikes when they hit a truck full of explosions. After the impact, the tunnel is left weakened and blocked off by both exits, but leaving some survivors. When Kit Latura was about to drive into the tunnel he see the impact and knows he gotta take action.



The Sport

Australia tour of West Indies
The Cable & Wireless
One Day International Series 2003
7th ODI live from Grenada, West Indies
On ESPN, June 01 at 07.30 p.m.
West Indies
Vs
Australia



Our Choice

Species
On Star Movies, June 04 at 10.15 p.m.
In 1993, the Search for Extra Terrestrial Intelligence Project receives a transmission detailing an alien DNA structure, along with instructions on how to splice it with human DNA. The result is Sil, a sensual but deadly creature who can change from a beautiful woman to an armour-plated killing machine in the blink of an eye.

Satellite TV



The Bachelor
On HBO, May 31 at 10.00 p.m.
Jimmie is seeing his single friends get married one by one. He isn't too worried until his girlfriend Anne catches the bouquet at his friend Marco's wedding. Suddenly, his wild mustang days are numbered. He finally decides to propose to her, but he sticks his foot in his mouth and botches the proposal. Being insulted by the defeatist proposal, Anne leaves town on an assignment. After she's gone, he finds out that his recently-deceased grandfather's will stipulates that he gets nothing of a multi-million dollar fortune unless he's married by 6:05pm on his 30th birthday: tomorrow! Not being able to find Anne, Jimmie begins backtracking through his past girlfriends to find a wife.

61*
On HBO, June 02 at 9.30 p.m.
Summer, 1961: Roger Maris and Mickey Mantle are on pace to break the most hallowed record in U.S. sports. Babe Ruth's single-season 60 home runs. It's a big story, and the intense, plain-spoken Maris is the bad guy: sports writers bait him and minimize his talent, fans cheer Mantle, the league's golden boy, and baseball's commissioner announces that Ruth's record stands unless it's broken within 154 games. Any record set after 154 games of the new 162-game schedule will have an asterisk. The film follows the boys of summer, on and off the field: their friendship, the stresses on Maris, his frustration with the negative attention, and his desire to play well, win, and go home.



Rush Hour
On HBO, June 03 at 9.30 p.m.
Hongkong, the last night of British rule. Detective Inspector Lee, close friend to Consul Han Solon, manages to prevent precious pieces of China's history being smuggled out of the country. Two years later - Consul Han is living in Los Angeles with his family - Crime Lord Juntao takes revenge on him by abducting his young daughter Soo Yung. Han does not trust the FBI to do a good job and has Lee flown in from Hongkong to assist them. But the FBI officials do not want any help from outside and officially request help from LAPD, who are glad to get rid of Detective James Carter for a while, a big-mouthed work-alone cop who just can't be cool enough. His assignment is to keep Lee as far away from trouble as possible. But Carter and Lee don't like being put aside in that way and start working the case on their own.

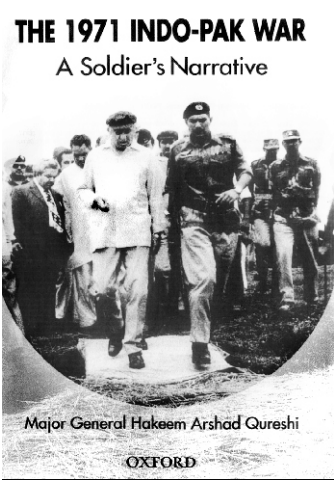


Lawrence of Arabia
On HBO, June 04 at 9.30 p.m.
T. E. Lawrence is a young maladjusted lieutenant in the British Army in North Africa during World War One. Unhappy with his current assignment coloring maps, he is ecstatic when he is offered a job as an observer in what is now Arabia. At this point, the story of his life becomes the stuff that legends are made of.

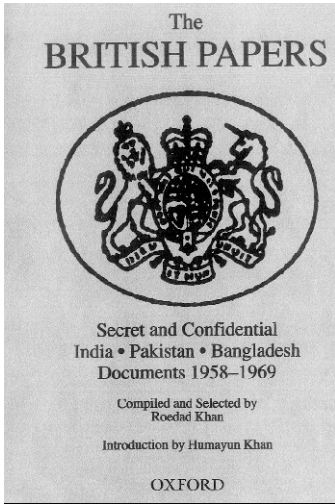


The Howling
On Star Movies, June 05 at 9.00 p.m.
Eye-popping special effects highlight an updated werewolf story. TV newswoman, Karen White, goes on a retreat after a traumatic incident with a serial killer. But is she really safe? And what should she fear more: regaining her memory or the creepy residents of "The Colony"? Followed by many unsatisfying and unconnected sequels. Helped launch short-lived werewolf craze in early eighties.

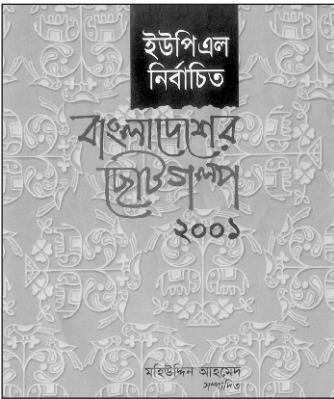
Books



The 1971 Indo-Pak War
A Soldier's Narrative
Major General Hakeem Arshad Qureshi
Price: Tk. 500.00
General Qureshi's book forces us to look objectively at the part of our past that we have ignored and tried to forget and I think he has done the Army and the Nation a great service by using his experience to interpret the great tragedy of 1971.... The book, in my opinion, should be compulsory reading for all students of military history.



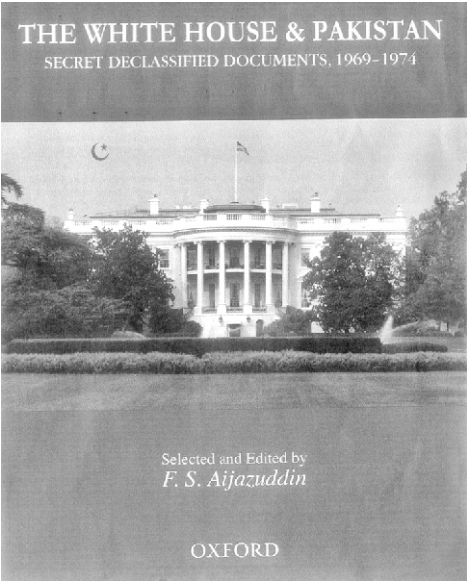
The British Papers
Secret and Confidential India-Pakistan-Bangladesh Documents 1958-1969
Compiled and Selected by Roedad Khan
Price: Tk. 1200.00
British Public Records selected for permanent preservation are normally opened to public inspection after they become thirty years old. Documents may be closed for longer than thirty years: may be opened before thirty years have elapsed: or may be retained in the departments. Each of these courses of action requires the approval of the Lord Chancellor who is the minister responsible for Public Records. Into the Foreign Office in London flowed a river of documentation from British diplomats, in India and Pakistan, charged with watching, monitoring, assessing and evaluating the ever-unfolding political drama in the sub-continent after independence. The British Papers includes reports of meetings with Heads of State and Government, important ministers, high dignitaries, political leaders, and critical analysis of the state of mind of the people in power and their political opponents. Also captured in these reports is the thinking and assessments of key players in the drama, the internal power struggle, shifting loyalties and Byzantine palace intrigues. This unprecedented trove of hitherto secret documents leads us through a well-stocked museum of what now seems a distant time.



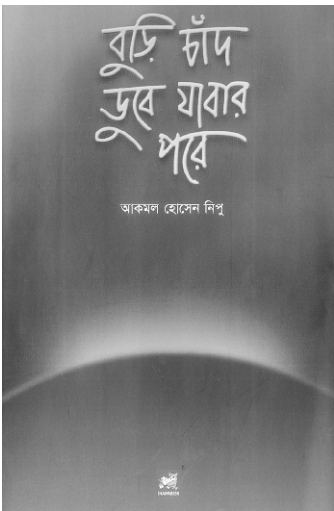
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Edited by Mahiuddin Ahmed
Price: Tk. 195.00

The White House & Pakistan

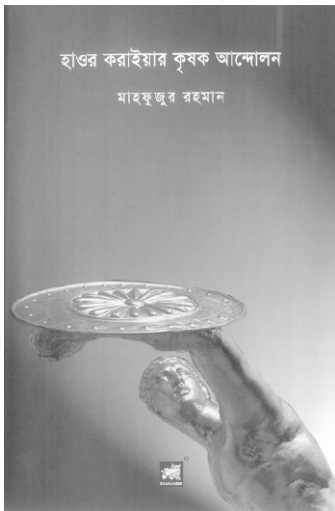
Secret Declassified Documents, 1969-1974
Selected and Edited by F S Aijazuddin
Price: Tk. 900.00
During the period 1969-74, the years of Richard Nixon's presidency many significant events took place that both shaped the modern history of the world, and in a more traumatic way reshaped the contours within the Indian subcontinent. Following President Nixon's visit to Pakistan in August 1969, a number of channels were used by the White House to establish contact with the People's Republic of China, culminating in Dr Kissinger's secret visit to Beijing in July 1971. The furtive preparations for the visit, both within the White House and in Pakistan, Dr Kissinger's subsequent report of his negotiations with Premier Zhou Enlai, and the detailed Memorandum of Conversations of their meetings have since been declassified, and are being published here extensively for the first time. These documents reveal as never before the extent of Nixon's famous tilt towards Pakistan during the crisis in East Pakistan that precipitated the war between India and Pakistan in December 1971, and resulted in the establishment of Bangladesh. Many of these documents throw new light on the reasons behind the stance taken in tandem by the United States and China in support of Pakistan against India which was backed by the Soviet Union.



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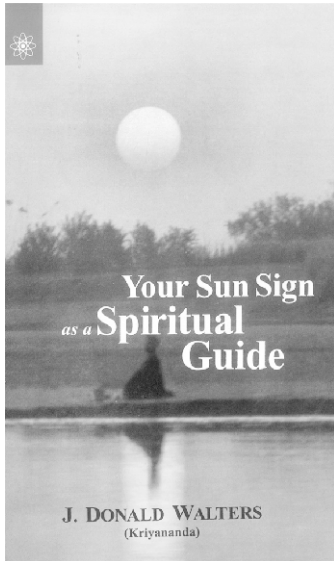


Buri Chand Dubey Jabar Porey
A collection of short-stories
Akmol Hussain Nipu
Price: Tk. 125.00

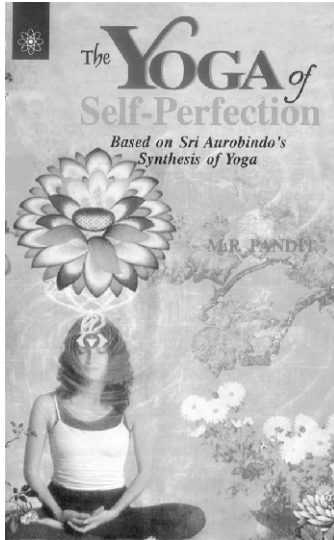


Haor Koraiar Krishok Andolan
(Peasant Movement of Haor Koraiya)
Mahfuzur Rahman
Price: Tk. 85.00

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Your Sun Sign as a Spiritual Guide
J Donald Walters
Price: Tk. 240.00
Books on the sun signs rarely emphasize self-help. What most of them say is, "This is the nature you were born with. Enjoy it, or learn to live with it." By contrast, this book tells the reader, "Here are things you can do to improve the nature you were born with." Your Sun Sign as a Spiritual Guide, however, goes far beyond merely intellectual discussion. Fresh, humorous, and full of wisdom, it provides a wealth of original insight in a field burdened by the thoughtless repetition of carelessly worked-out theories. All the ancient teachings stress the importance, to any true understanding of the astrological science, of the faculty of intuition. The convincing insights Mr. Walters offers into human nature are born of long time of meditative practice, as well as of a lifetime of experience in counseling others. It is, above all, his intuitive grasp of his subject that gives this book its unique flavour.

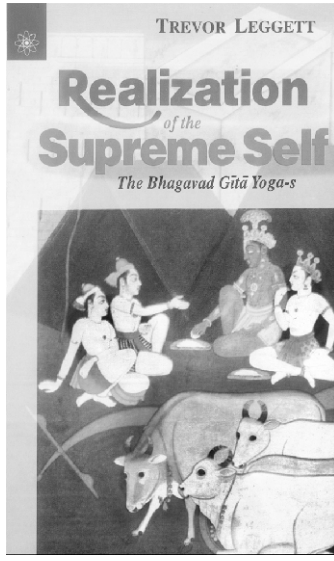


The Yoga of Self-Perfection
Based on Sri Aurobindo's Synthesis of Yoga
Price: Tk.440.00
The "Yoga of Self-Perfection" represents a unique contribution of Sri Aurobindo to the science of yoga, which has generally in the past set its goal as the dissolution of the powers of life and personality into the Transcendent. Whereas the traditional paths of works, knowledge and love all rely on a predominant part of the personality to lead the seeker to the realisation of the Divine Consciousness, *The Yoga of Self-Perfection* by its very aim must take up each aspect of the human personality and bring each to its fulfilment, while integrating their action into an harmonious whole. Sri Aurobindo's yoga therefore represents an integration of the "other-worldly" aims of the Indian yogas with the stress on perfection in the material world as taught in the West.

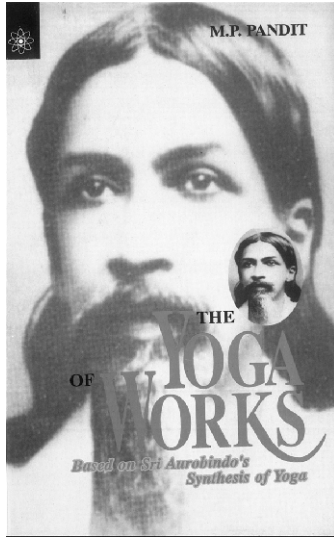
Unconditional Bliss

Finding Happiness in the Face of Hardship
Howard Raphael
Price: 312.00
No matter how difficult life may be, you can still live in a state of radiant bliss, says Howard Raphael Cushnir -- even if you're alone, sick, failed, and broke. Pie-in-the-sky? This down-to-earth book shows us how. Based on universal spiritual principles, the message is profound, but the method couldn't be more practical. All it takes is a simple two-step process called LIVING THE QUESTIONS, demonstrated here with compelling, real-life examples. This book is not about getting what you want. It's about allowing yourself to FEEL, the way you want by embracing life one precious moment at a time ... starting right now!

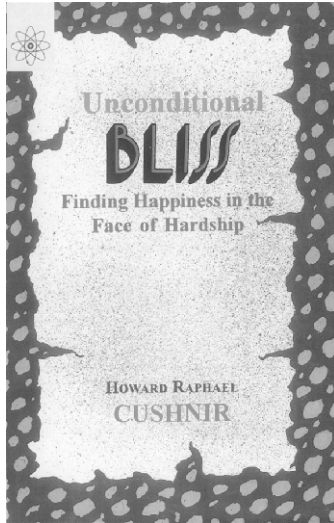
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Realisation of the Supreme Self
The Bhagavad Gita Yogas
Trevor Leggett
Price: Tk.485.00
A practical training method, and not merely a text of revelation and worship -- such is the true status of the ancient Sanskrit text Bhagavad Gita. The special contribution of the Gita is yoga, practical methods for expanding individual consciousness to realise the kingdom as the supreme Self. This book presents the Gita yoga in the light of explanations by Sankara. The Gita can be misread, as Sankara says. It is not a gradual ascent to the final devotion of the soul to a Lord high above. On the contrary, the first two teaching chapters hardly mention any such Lord: they teach the undivided supreme Self. This is a special method of teaching in the Gita, which the present author calls Teaching Down. It is explained here, with other examples from the Gita.



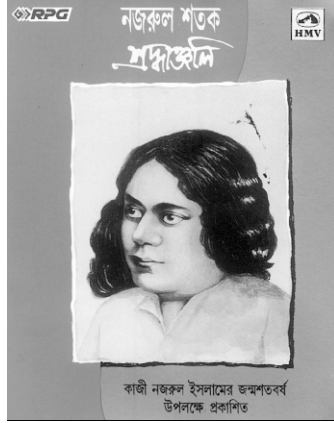
The Yoga of Works
Based on Sri Aurobindo's Synthesis of Yoga
Price: Tk.280.00
The "Yoga of Works" translated from the Sanskrit Karma Yoga, is essentially the harnessing of the vital creative energies of man and directing those energies towards the spiritual fulfilment. Life is the field of yoga, and activity is no longer a hindrance, but rather the method of the yoga. Author has clearly defined and guided us in the current book so that we can take up life as a part of our yoga. The basis and movements of the yoga are described and the conflicts that we so often feel between our spiritual and material natures are taken up and addressed directly. Author warmly encourages us to live, and in living, to practice the yoga at all times and in all ways of our being. *The Yoga of Works*, brought to the forefront in the Bhagavad Gita, is brought within our sights by Panditji's loving and insightful experience, gathered by him over many years of practice of yoga under the direct, watchful guidance of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother.



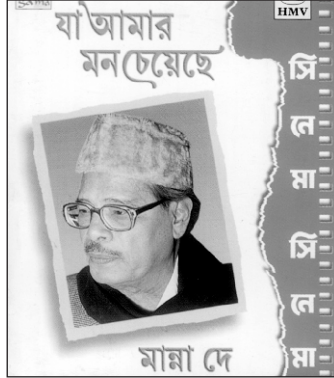
CDs & Cassettes



Rang De Chunariya
Compilation of Hori Thumri
Price: Tk. 300.00



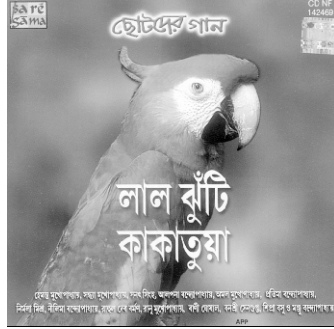
Nazrul Shatak Sraddhanjali
(Tribute on Nazrul's birth centenary)
Set of 5 cassetts
Price: Tk. 300.00



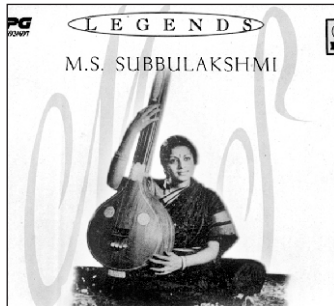
Ja Amar Mon Cheyechhe
Modern Bangla songs by Manna Dey
Set of 5 cassettes
Price: Tk. 300.00

Archival Release
By Ustad Bade Ghulam Ali Khan
Vols. 1 to 10
Price: Tk. 170.00 each
All India Radio has always provided information and entertainment to its listeners. In the process it has broadcast the very best in Indian music. With its vast network, AIR has not only brought music to the door-steps of common man but also has preserved Indian music. All India Radio archives has a huge repertoire of Indian Classical, Light and Traditional Music in all its variety and richness rendered by the Great Masters of yester years as well as contemporary singers.

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Lal Jhuti Kakatua
Songs for children by various artistes
Price: Tk. 175.00
Here is a collection of tunes that have always remained favourite to the younger listeners as well as the grown-ups. The songs have rich pedigree as regards their composition of lyrics and music. The songs include *Hattimatim tim, Amar shona chander kona, Saraswati bideyeboti, Atagachhey totapakhi, Teler shishi bhanglo boley, Cholechhey reler gari, Lal jhuti kakatua* and others.

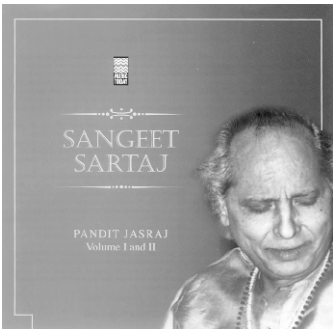


Legends
Classical songs by M S Subbulakshmi
Price: (Set of 5 cassettes) Tk. 500.00

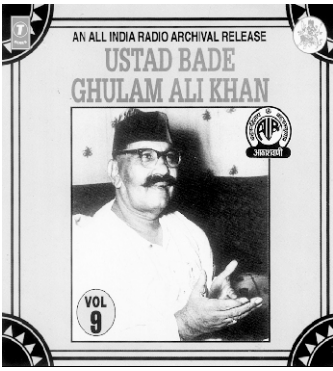
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Jai Tobey Choley
Modern Bangla songs by Bechu Dutta
Price: Tk. 150.00
Bechu Dutta was a noted singer in the 1930s who sang songs composed by many reputed lyricists including Kazi Nazrul Islam. This present album contains 14 of his immortal songs among which two of Nazrul-*Ami mone mone* and *Brajo-Gopi kheley holi*. Other songs include *Prothom jedin banshi, Shukiey gechey, Ogo champak baroni, Shurer akashey, Hey udashi* etc.



Sangeet Sartaj
Classical vocal by Pandit Jasraj
Set of 2 CDs
Price: Tk. 600.00
Rare is the master who stamps the image of a whole gharana by the sheer dint of his personal style or gayaki. In Pandit Jasraj, the Mewati gharana has found just such a genius. For although the Gharana traces a long lineage through his father and uncle, Pandit Motiram and Pandit Jyotram, and Ghagge Nazir Khan Saheb (pioneer of Mewati Gharana), to Bade Mubarak Ali -- the son of the legendary Bade Mohammad Khan of the Kawwal Bacche tradition -- it is only with the coming of Pandit Jasraj that the gharana acquired its present public acclaim, able disciples and acknowledgement from the cognoscenti.



Shatabarsha Porey
Recitation of Tagore's poems
Performed by Bratati Bandyapadhyay
Price: Tk. 225.00



Praner Pran Pakhi
Folk music by Abdul Alim
Price: Tk. 80.00
The legendary folk singer is brought back by Music World. The CD contains 17 songs including *O Padma nodirey, Praner bondhurey, Allahu Allahu, Nobi mor parosh moni, Dol dol doloni, O jarapon khabar, Eije dunia* and the titular *Praner pran pakhi*. The tunes will certainly fill the listeners with that old golden feeling that the maestro had created in his lifetime.