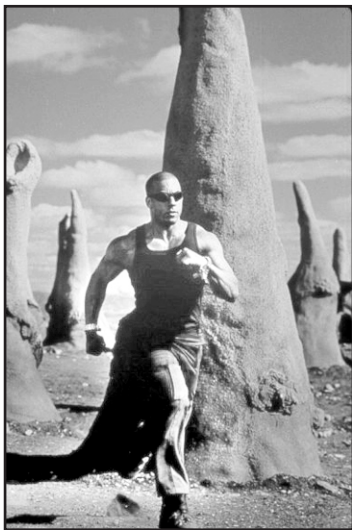


PICK OF THE WEEK



Our Choice

Pitch Black

On HBO, July 27 at 9:30 p.m.
Cast overview, first billed only:
(Vin Diesel, Radha Mitchell)
A transport ship containing 40 passengers heading to other worlds for, among other reasons, settling, New Mecca, and for one passenger, Riddick, another cell. The ship encounters a tiny meteor storm and crash lands on a barren planet with only 1/4 of its complement surviving. Survival is tough with Riddick on the loose and no water in sight. However, come nightfall, they have even more to fear...



The Sport

South Africa Tour of England

NPOWER TEST SERIES 2003

2nd Test, Day 1

Live from London, England

On ESPN, July 31 at 3:45 p.m.

England

Vs

South Africa



The Movie

Julius Caesar

On Star Movies, July 26 at 7:00 p.m.
(Charlton Heston [Marc Antony], Jason Robards [Brutus], John Gielgud [Julius Caesar], Richard Chamberlain [Octavius Caesar]) All star cast heads up this 1970 remake of the William Shakespeare classic tale of the betrayal of the the Roman senate against their emperor, the plotting and scheming that led up to the assassination of the title character, and all of Rome's' fickleness towards the events.

Satellite TV



The Ice Storm
On HBO, July 30 at 9:30 p.m.
(Kevin Kline, Joan Allen)
In the weekend after Thanksgiving 1973 the Hoods are skidding out of control. Benjamin Hood reels from drink to drink, trying not to think about his trouble at the office. His wife, Elena, is reading self help books and losing patience with her husband's lies. Their son, Paul, home for the holidays, escapes to the city to pursue an alluring rich girl from his prep school.



The Score
On HBO, July 26 at 9:30 p.m.
(Robert De Niro, Edward Norton, Marlon Brando, Angela Bassett)
Nick Wells, a professional criminal, decides to leave the business for good, since he nearly got caught on his last job. His plan is to live in peace with his girl Diane, running his Montreal jazz club NYC. Soon Max, his good friend and financial partner in the illegal affairs, comes along with an offer Nick can't refuse: A historical and priceless French sceptre has been discovered while being smuggled into the country. It is now under massive surveillance in the Montreal Customs House, and soon to be returned to France. Nick has to team up with Max' man inside, the young, talented and aggressive thief Jackie Teller to get the precious item, and suffer no more financial problems ever. Only one question remains: Who will trick whom out of their share?



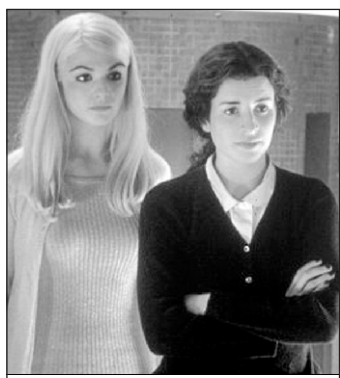
The Mummy
On HBO, July 31 at 9:30 p.m.
(Brendan Fraser, Rachel Weisz, John Hannah, Arnold Vosloo)
In 1926, a group of archeologists stumble upon a tomb at Hamunaptra. Inside this tomb the group finds the body of Imhotep, Pharaoh Seti's priest and one-time lover of Seti's mistress. However, when the group accidentally brings Imhotep back to life, the results are fatal.



Out Cold
On Star Movies, July 27 at 8:45 p.m.
(Jason London, Lee Majors, Willie Garson)
Bull Mountain, Alaska, is a no frills ski resort, and the staff is a bunch of partying snowboard bums. The late founder, Papa Muntz, was famed for skiing with his backside exposed, and in fact is so memorialized by a statue. But his son, Ted, plans to sell the resort to hotshot ski mogul John Majors, who starts turning it into a slick resort, which of course has no room for most of the staff. The exception is Rick, the most serious of the bunch. But there's a complication: Rick met Majors' stepdaughter Anna on vacation in Mexico, and he's never gotten over a crush he had on her, even though she's about to marry a great guy. And Rick is also fiercely loyal to his friends.

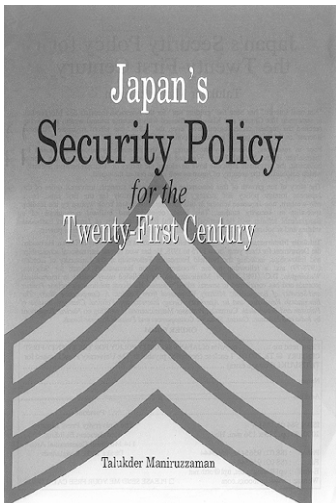


AntiTrust
On Star Movies, July 30 at 10:30 p.m.
(Ryan Phillippe, Rachael Leigh Cook, Claire Forlani)
After graduating from Stanford, two idealistic computer whiz kids who are best friends are offered jobs at NURV, a giant Portland company with a driven boss, Gary Winston, on the verge of a world-linking satellite communication system. With support from his girlfriend Alice, Milo takes the job; Teddy says no and continues work on a media compression program he wants to make available free. Winston takes a person interest in Milo, whose genius can help NURV meet its launch date, and Milo responds with brilliance and long hours. When Teddy meets with tragedy and Winston's offhand remark makes Milo suspicious, he decides to investigate Winston and NURV. But, whom can he trust?

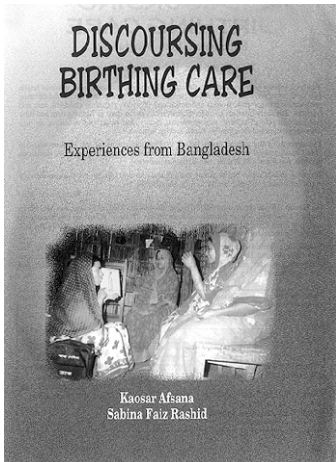


Beautiful Creatures
On Star Movies, July 29 at 10:30 p.m.
(Susan Lynch (I), Iain Glen, Jake D'Arcy, Rachel Weisz)
In the witty and daringly original contemporary thriller set in Glasgow, Scotland, Dorothy and Petula are two women with one thing in common—they both have rotten taste in men. After a dangerous encounter with her boyfriend Tony, Dorothy decides to leave town with her faithful dog, when she happens on Petula, who is being beaten by her equally volatile beau Brian. Springing to Petula's defence, Dorothy accidentally kills Brian.

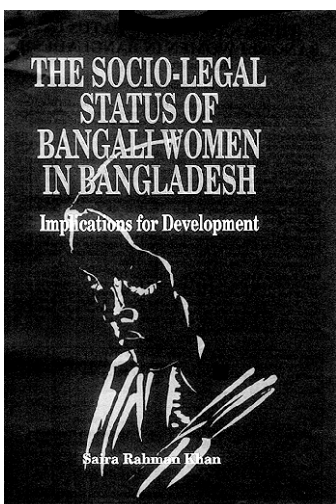
Books



Japan's Security Policy for the Twenty-First Century
Takahiro Maniuruzaman
Price: Tk 200.00
"National Interest" has been the "guiding star" for the American theorists like Morgenthau to statesmen like Clinton and Kissinger. Blessed with immense natural wealth and having reached the highest technological level ever, the USA can afford to make "National Interest" as the prime goal of her foreign policy and security. Poor in resources, sobered by the history of the inhuman brutalities perpetrated by themselves in the Second World War and having been the first victim of the atomic holocaust, the pragmatic Japanese have developed the theory of "Comprehensive Security" which emphasizes the security of Japan as well as the rest of the world.

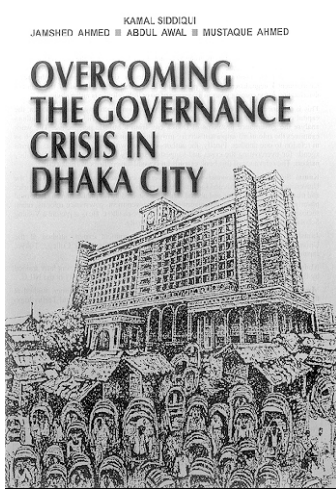


Discouraging Birthing Care
Experiences from Bangladesh
Kaosar Afsana, Sabina Faiz Rashid
Price: Tk 250.00
This book focuses on issues critical to the contemporary emphasis on gender sensitive healthcare for the poor pregnant women in Bangladesh. The core of the book explores the differing perspectives between rural women and healthcare providers regarding childbirth care and practices. The study attempts to understand women's perceptions of birthing care and their practices, the role of culture, socio-economic factors, and household dynamics as they influence women and their family's health-seeking behaviour.

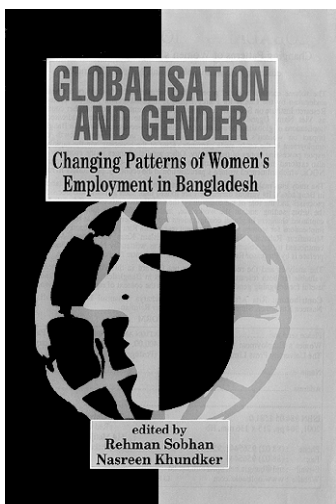


The Socio-Legal Status of Banglali Women in Bangladesh
Implications for Development
Saira Rahman Khan
Price: Tk 425.00
This book focuses on the status of women in the social and legal context of Bangladesh and has made an effort to highlight both the situation of rural and urban Banglali women and the discrimination and violence they face almost on a day-to-day basis. The study upholds that even though Bangladesh is a signatory to various international instruments regarding women and children, trafficking and other cruel and degrading actions against women, the state has largely failed to uphold such obligations. There has been very little change in the social and legal status of women. Laws enacted to safeguard women's rights look very impressive on paper, but the patriarchal social system in Bangladesh means that many of these laws are ignored, poorly implemented or simply by-passed.

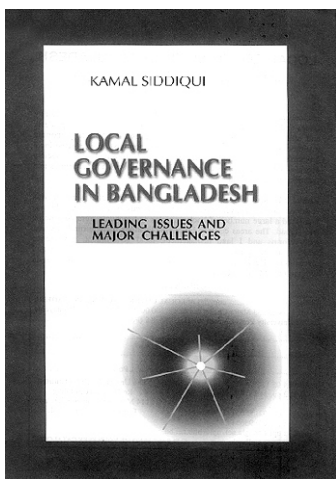
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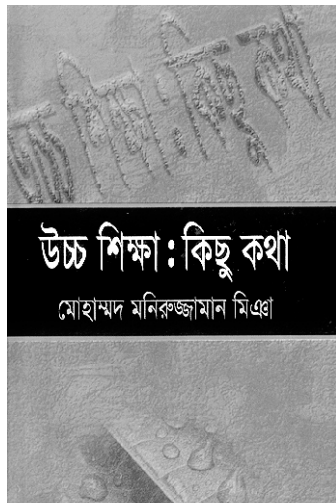
Overcoming the Governance Crisis in Dhaka City
Kamal Siddiqui, Jamshed Ahmed, Abdul Awal, and Mustaque Ahmed
Price: Tk 375.00
The first half of the 21st century is going to be the era of megacities in the developing world. Unless we manage our cities adequately, all hell is likely break loose in the not too distant future. Given the enormous poverty, the gross gender discriminations and the acute environmental degradation already present in these cities, the likelihood of their further deterioration in the coming years in a scenario of no or little reforms is rather obvious. This is a pioneering work on the governance crisis in one such city, namely Dhaka, the capital of Bangladesh. Based on more than a year of extensive field work, the authors analyse the governance problems of Dhaka city from a holistic perspective. The work examines the role of all important service providing organisations individually as well as in relation to one another. Finally, the authors come up with a set of practicable reforms agenda for overcoming the crisis and suggests a strategy for its adoption by the policy makers. The relevance of this book extends far beyond the confines of Dhaka city.



Globalisation and Gender
Changing Patterns of Women's Employment in Bangladesh edited by Rehman Sobhan and Nasreen Khundker
Price: Tk 400.00
The volume contains a set of papers which summaries 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 Vietnam, Uganda, Morocco and Jamaica. The main issues addressed are the implications of globalisation and changes in the macro-economic context in Bangladesh.

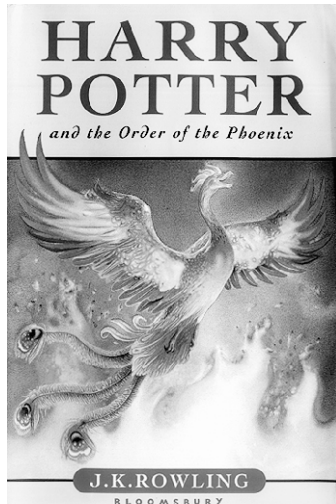


Local Governance in Bangladesh
Leading Issues and Major Challenges
Kamal Siddiqui, Price: Tk 300.00
A pioneering effort, this book, in twenty-five essays, analyses the leading issues and major challenges of local governance reforms in Bangladesh, and offers practical remedial measures. The essays cover all important institutions at the local level, including local administration, elected local government bodies and both formal and informal civil society organisations. The book is an essential reference work for academics and practitioners in the field.

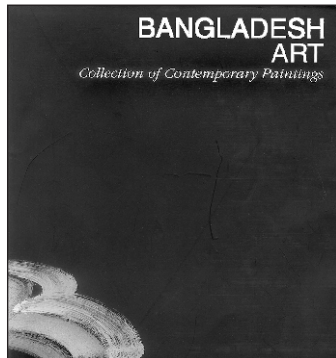


Uchcho Shikha: Kichhu Kotha M Maniuruzaman Miah
Kakali Prokashoni
Price: Tk. 150.00

Thoughts on Higher Education
M Maniuruzaman Miah
Kakali Prokashoni
Price: Tk 100.00
This book contains some of the articles of Professor M Maniuruzaman Miah, one of his speeches and the texts of two of his interviews given to two dailies. All are related to Higher Education. In all these he has very candidly given his views particularly on university education in the country. Very recently Prof Miah has been made Chairman of the National Commission on Educational Reforms. We thought it appropriate, therefore, that his views be made known to the wider public. We are aware that books in English are not much in demand now. Moreover, 'Education' is not a very favourite subject with the reading public. Separately, we are publishing another book by him in Bengali on the same subject. As publisher we only bring out the works of our writers. It is for the readers to judge their merit.

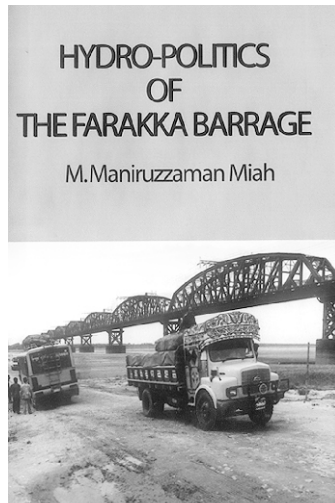


Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix
JK Rowling
Price: Hard Cover -- Tk 750.00
Paper Back -- Tk 500.00
Harry Potter is about to start his fifth year at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. Unlike most schoolboys, Harry never enjoys his summer holidays, but this summer is even worse than usual. The Dursleys, of course, are making his life a misery, but even his best friends, Ron and Hermione, seem to be neglecting him. Harry has had enough. He is beginning to think he must do something, anything, to change his situation, when the summer holidays come to an end in a very dramatic fashion. What Harry is about to discover in his new year at Hogwarts will turn his world upside down...

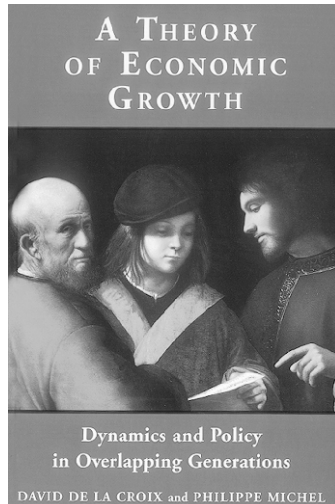
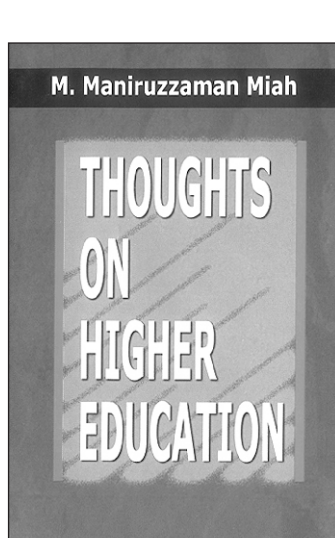


Bangladesh Art
Price: Tk 5000.00
Collection of Contemporary Paintings is a unique and comprehensive presentation of the most important developments that have taken place in Bangladeshi painting in the last fifty years. Starting with the memorable works of the great master, Shilpacharya Zainul Abedin, to the works of the most promising painters of present times, this book offers an excellent selection of works of our painters of every generation. The Book reflects the evolution of paintings in Bangladesh and demonstrates the works of the country's most outstanding artists through the years.

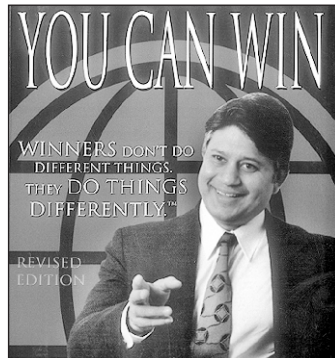
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Hydro-Politics of the Farakka Barrage
M Maniuruzaman Miah
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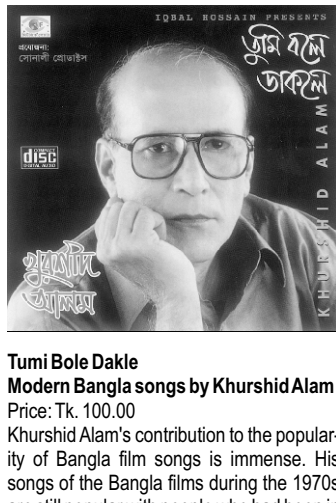


A Theory of Economic Growth
Dynamics and Policy in Overlapping Generations
David De La Croix & Philippe Michel
Price: Tk 3295.00
This book provides an in-depth treatment of the overlapping generations model in economics incorporating production. In chapter 1, the authors investigate competitive equilibria and corresponding dynamics: existence and uniqueness of equilibrium, global dynamics of capital (including poverty traps), and various extensions of the model. Chapter 2 analyzes the optimality of allocations in this framework, using both the value function and marginal approaches. Optimality with unbounded growth is also analyzed.



You Can Win
A Step by Step Tool for Top Achievers
Shiv Kherra
Price: Tk. 250.00
An easy to read, practical, common-sense approach that will take you from ancient wisdom to contemporary thinking, YOU CAN WIN helps you to dispel confusion in daily life and clarify values. YOU CAN WIN makes you evaluate if you are going through life out of inspiration (playing to win) or desperation (playing not to lose). It translates positive thinking into ATTITUDE, AMBITION and ACTION. It gives the winning edge.

CDs & Cassettes



Tumi Bole Dakle
Modern Bangla songs by Khurshid Alam
Price: Tk. 100.00
Khurshid Alam's contribution to the popularity of Bangla film songs is immense. His songs of the Bangla films during the 1970s are still popular with people who had been in their youth at the period. This album presents some 12 such songs including Pakhir bashar moto dui chokh tomar, Hayre ki srishit, Tumi bole dakle, Chupi chupi bolo keu, Duniyare bole dere and others.



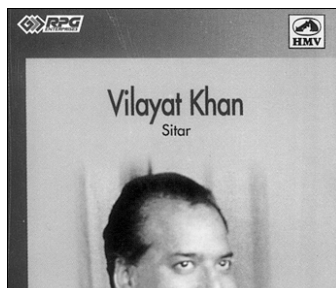
Chand Jega Achhe
Bangla songs by Sumana Chakraborty
Price: Tk. 170.00
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Bondhu Michhe Raag Korona
Rabindra Sangeet by Kaderi Kibriya
Price: Tk. 100.00



Instrumental: Tabla Biplab Bhattacharya
Price: Tk. 150.00



Sabujer Mela (Songs for Children)
Price: Tk. 150.00
Ekka Dokka, Haradhoner Dashti Chhele, Shat Bhai Champa, Dhitang Dhitang, Shing Nei Tobu, Lal Neel Shobujer Mela and numerous other unforgettable rhymes have been put in tunes in this album. Obviously a must collection not just for kids but for the grown-ups to refresh the golden memories of the childhood.

Vilayat Khan: Sitar
Price: Tk. 80.00

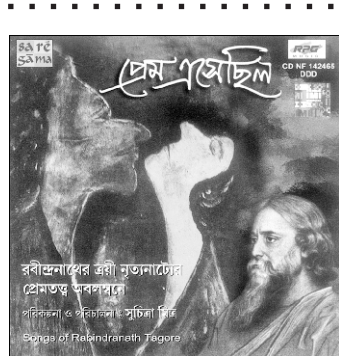
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Golden Hour
Modern Bangla Songs in 6 volumes
Lata Mangeshkar (Magical Moments), Hemanta Mukherjee (The Golden Age), Manna Dey (Memorable Melodies), Pratima Banerjee (Melodious Moments), Kishore Kumar (All Time Favourites) & Dwijen Mukherjee (Greatest Hits)
Price: Tk. 475.00 each



Chey Dekhona
Modern Bangla songs by Yasmin Musthatri
Well-known Nazrul Sangeet artist Yasmin Musthatri endeavours to give her fans a change of taste with this newer kind of album. With the music direction of Ibrar Tipu, the collection includes 12 songs among which two are tuned by eminent musicians Pranab Das and AHM Rafique.



Prem Eshechhilo
Rabindra Sangeet from the 3 Dance-drama Shyama, Chitrangada and Chandali
Produced and directed by Shuchitra Mitra
Price: Tk. 175.00
The songs of Rabindranath Tagore's dance-dramas are also equally popular among the music lovers. The present collection comprises songs from the 3 dance-dramas of the poet, the songs include Shyama and Braja Sen from Shyama, Surupa, Kurupa, Arjun and Madan from Chitrangada, and Ma, Prokriti and Ananda from Chandali. Songs are performed by Rama Mandal, Rezwana Chowdhury Bannya, Srikantha Acharya, Lopamudra Mitra, Ratna Biswas, Prabudha Raha and Subrata Sen. Shuchitra Mitra recites the script.



Shona Bondhu
Bangla Folk songs by Swapna Basu
Price: Tk. 150.00



Kantakobir Gaan
Songs of Rajanikanta by Krishna Chattopadhyay
Price: Tk. 60.00