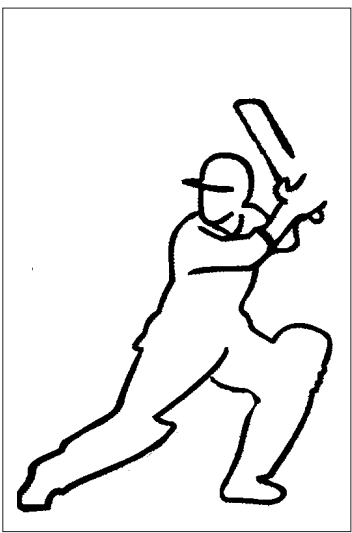


PICK OF THE WEEK



Our Choice

The Tenant (IMDb rating 7.4)
On HBO, January 26 at 1:00 am
Genre: Thriller/Mystery/Horror
Roman Polanski, Isabelle Adjani, Melvyn Douglas, Jo Van Fleet
A quiet and inconspicuous man rents an apartment in France where the previous tenant committed suicide, and begins to suspect his landlord and neighbors are trying to subtly change him into the last tenant so that he too will kill himself.



The Sport

West Indies Tour of South Africa
Standard Bank One Day
International Series
1st ODI
Live from Cape Town, South Africa
On ESPN, January 25 at 6:27 pm
South Africa
Vs
West Indies



The Movie

Predator (IMDb rating 7.3)
On Star Movies, January 24 at 9:30 pm
Genre: Action/Horror/Sci-Fi
Arnold Schwarzenegger
Dutch and his group of commandos are hired by the CIA to rescue downed airmen from guerillas in a Central American jungle. The mission goes well but as they return they find that something is hunting them. Nearly invisible, it blends in with the forest, taking trophies from the bodies of it's victims as it goes along.

Satellite TV

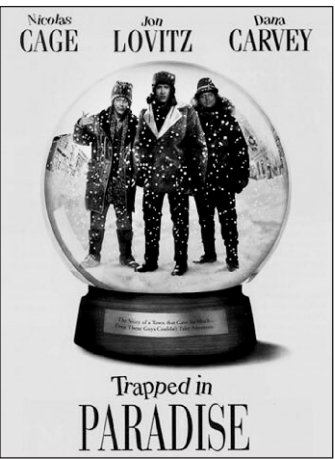
Scarface (IMDb rating 7.7)



On Star Movies, January 27 at 7:00 pm
Genre: Crime/Drama
Al Pacino, Steven Bauer, Michelle Pfeiffer
An update of the 1932 film, Scarface follows gangster Tony Montana and his close friend Manny Ray from their trip on the Cuban Boat Lift for refugees to their arrival in Miami. After killing a powerful Cuban figure, Montana and company gain the ability to leave their refugee camps and roam around the U.S. After unsuccessfully trying to make it legitimately in the country, Montana and Ray resort to selling cocaine to dealers around the world. Tony's rise is quick, but as he becomes more powerful, his enemies and his own paranoia begin to plague his empire.



Focus (IMDb rating 6.9)
On Star Movies, January 28 at 11:30 pm
Genre: Drama
William H. Macy, Laura Dern, David Paymer, Meat Loaf
In the waning months of World War II, a man and his wife are mistakenly identified as Jews by their anti-Semitic Brooklyn neighbors. Suddenly the victims of religious and racial persecution, they find themselves aligned with a local Jewish immigrant in a struggle for dignity and survival.



Trapped in Paradise (IMDb rating 5.3)
On Star Movies, January 26 at 8:40 pm
Genre: Comedy/Crime
Nicolas Cage, Richard B. Shull, Jon Lovitz
Bill Firpo has managed to stay honest, but can't help but be dragged into things by his larcenous brothers, the clever Dave and the kleptomaniac Alvin. When the three find a bank so easy to rob that they can't resist, the only question is whether or not they can get out of town before the big snowstorm hits. While the three brothers run around town with their stolen loot, they are besieged with the kindness of the townsfolk that might just set them on the path of righteousness.

Exit Wounds (IMDb rating 5.3)

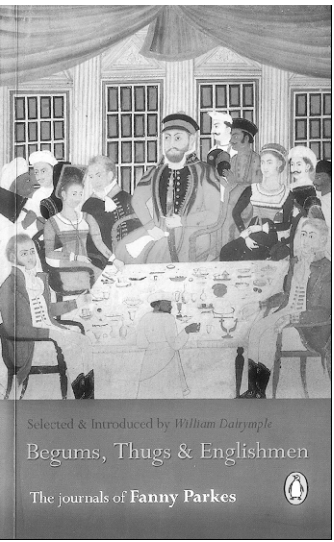


On HBO, January 24 at 9:30 pm
Genre: Action/Thriller
Steven Seagal, DMX, Isaiah Washington
Orin Boyd is a Detroit cop who doesn't follow rules. After he saved the Vice President by violating every order he received he is transferred to one of the worst precincts in the city. There he quickly encounters some corrupt cops selling heroin to drug dealers. The problem is, it's very difficult to tell who is the bad guy and who you can trust.

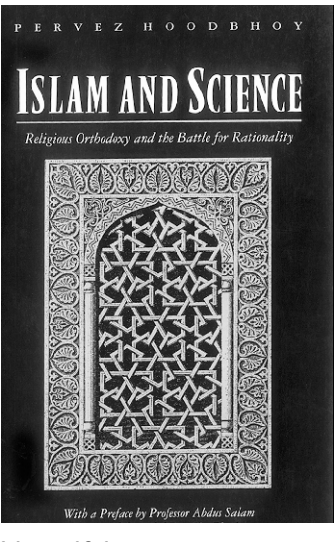


Circus (IMDb rating 5.5)
On HBO, January 25 at 11:45
Genre: Crime/Thriller/Drama
John Hannah, Famke Janssen, Peter Stormare, Eddie Izzard
Bruno, a sadistic criminal, wants clever con man Leo out of the way. Leo and his equally clever wife, Lily, are up to something. So too is Julius: he hires Leo to kill Gloria, Julius's wife. Leo does it, but then Julius shows up with the murder on tape, saying Gloria isn't his wife - it's blackmail. Leo's bookie, Troy, is also closing in, wanting to be paid. Bruno and Lily as well as Bruno and Julius have their own scams running, and Leo is their target. Maybe Leo can get Troy off his back, avoid Moose--Bruno's huge enforcer, send Gloria's corpse out of England, turn the tables on Bruno's murderous brother Caspar, and outfox Lily. Or is Lily his fox? It's a three-ring circus.

Books

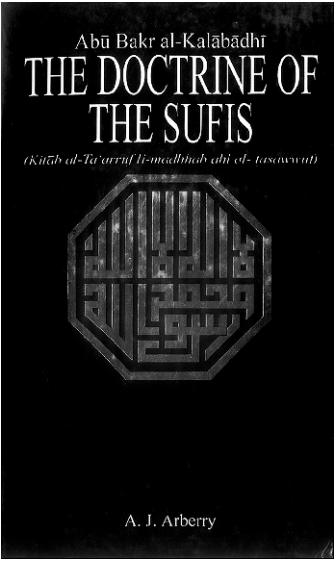


Begums, Thugs & Englishmen
The Journals of Fanny Parkes
Selected & Introduced by William Dalrymple
Price: Tk. 670.00

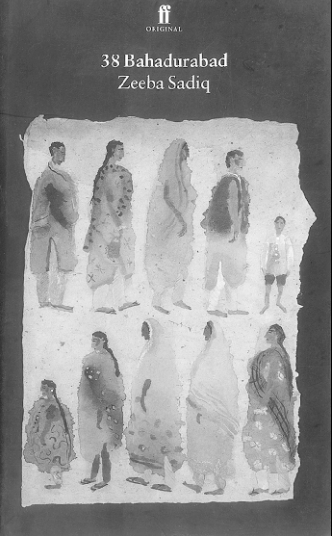


Islam and Science
Religious Orthodoxy and the Battle for Rationality
Pervez Hoodbhoy
Price: Tk. 1012.00

The Doctrine of the Sufis
AJ Arberry, Price: Tk. 833.00
A reissue of the English translation of a classic Arabic text in the history of Sufism the Mystical aspect of Islam. Professor Arberry's translation, first published in 1935, has long been unobtainable, and it is hoped that this new printing will be of value not only to scholars but also to general readers interested in mysticism and, comparatives religion. Little is known of the author of this treatise, Abu Bakr al-Kalabadhi, except that he was a lawyer and died in Bukhara in about AD 990 (AH 380). His book, Kitab al-Ta'arruf li-madhab ahl al-Tasawwuf, 'The Doctrine of the Sufis,' is the work on which his fame rests. It is important because it is the earliest extant text to reconcile the position of Sufism and orthodox Islam. It was immediately accepted as authoritative and has been esteemed by the Arabs, especially by the Sufis, as perhaps the most valuable compendium of Sufism in print.

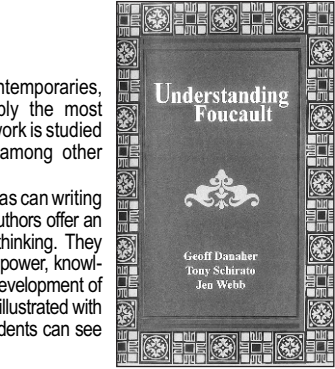


38 Bahadurabad



Zeeba Sadiq
Price: Tk. 700.00
In 38 Bahadurabad, a young girl tells of her experiences growing up in Pakistan. The death of her father, a respected doctor, is the catalyst for a series of memories about her childhood. We are told the sad tale of her grandfather's last meal on a boat in the Arabian sea, before he was given to the fishes wrapped in the table-cloth upon which he collapsed and died; about the maid Laxmi and her life at the hands of a sadist husband; the day little Zeebande's mother drank ink; the pickle seller; lamee Auntie with the long left leg; a strange egg ritual; the delicious bun-kebabs (and the even better yum-yum paans) to be had at Ali's food stall; and finally 'Yusuf's story,' with its revelation of her father's other life. It is the rich and evocative depiction of Karachi life, and the absorbing portrait of this one remarkable household-snapshots.

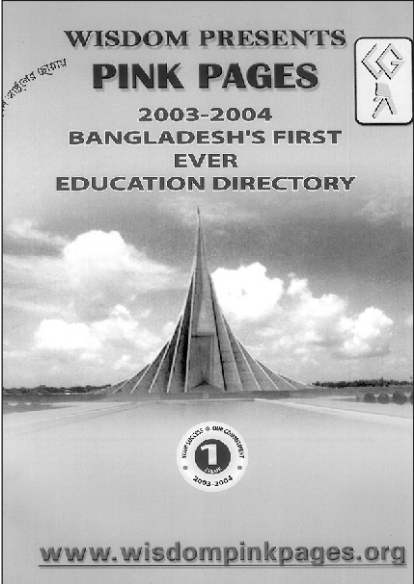
Understanding Foucault
Geoff Danaher, Tony Schiarto & Jen Webb
Price: Tk. 380.00
Derided and disregarded by many of his contemporaries, Michel Foucault is now regarded as probably the most influential thinker of the twentieth century -- his work is studied across the humanities and social sciences, among other disciplines.



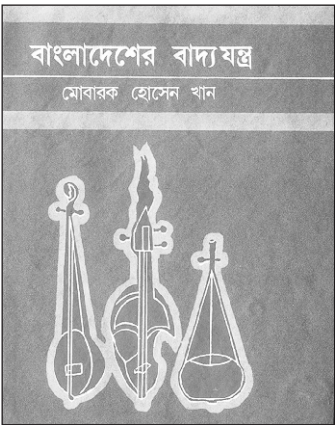
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Wisdom
Price: Tk. 175.00
This is the first ever education directory, like the Yellow Pages, in the country. The directory has taken into account the education sector--schools, colleges, universities, coaching centres, book sellers, publishers, vocational centres as well as foreign universities. The publication may find itself useful to its users in choosing the desired education or service providers in the said sectors. The book, however, shows marks of a hasty publication with a good amount of typos. The website of the directory is www.wisdompinkpages.org



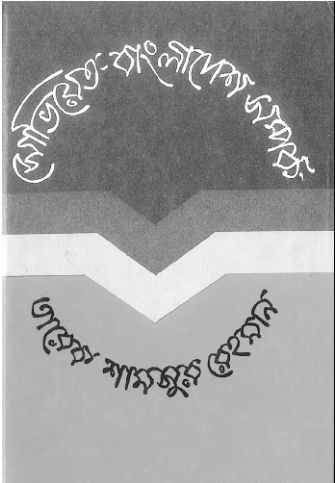
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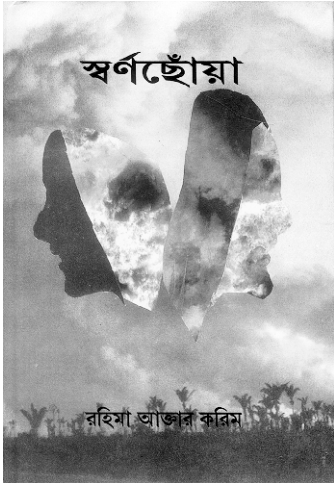
Bangladesh Badyojantro
(Musical Instrument of Bangladesh)
Mobarak Hossain Khan
Price: Tk. 60.00
The book with a few photographic illustrations presents informative discussions on the popular musical instruments of the country. Written mainly for the young enthusiasts, the book is surely a good documentation of our musical tradition.



Shoter O Shatok O Bish Shatok Ingreji Kobita
(English Poetry of the 17th and 20th Centuries)
Mahmud Hassan
Price: Tk. 40.00

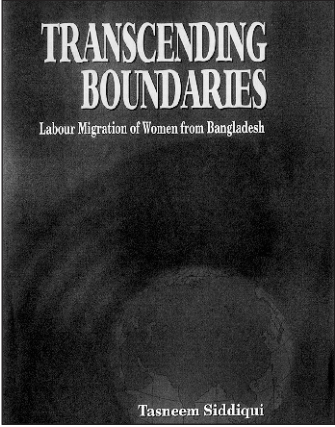


Soviet-Bangladesh Shamporko
Tareque Shamsur Rehman
Price: Tk. 80.00

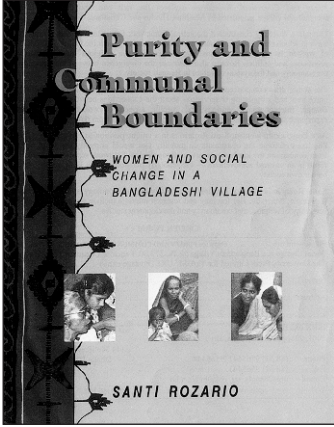


Swarnochhowa
Rahima Akter Karim
Price: Tk. 40.00

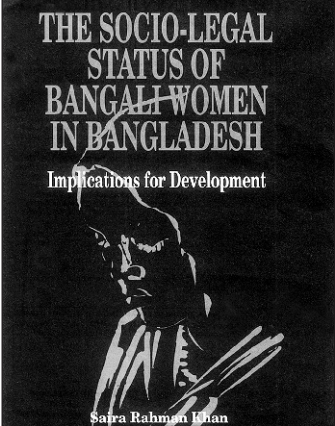
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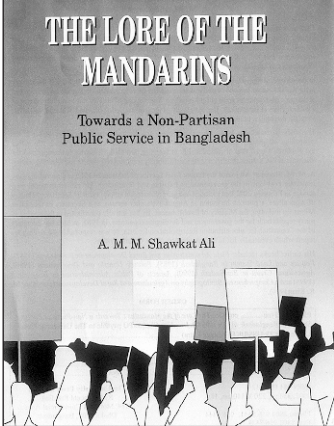
Transcending Boundaries
Labour Migration of Women from Bangladesh
Tasneem Siddiqui
Price: Tk. 400.00
In recent time a major restructuring of the global economy has taken place. This, among other things, has resulted in an increase in short-term migration of labour. An important feature of such restructuring is higher demand for female labour. More and more women from developing countries are joining the short-term international labour force, to the extent that a trend of feminisation is emerging in this labour force.



Purity and Communal Boundaries
Women and Social Change in a Bangladeshi Village
Santi Rozario, Price: Tk. 375.00
Purity and Communal Boundaries explores the rich complexities of a central Bangladeshi village, populated by Muslims, Hindus and Christians. Through a carefully constructed theoretical framework Santi Rozario demonstrates the ways in which class and communal domination reinforce gender inequality. The position of women is analysed in terms of linkages between religious values, sexuality, economics and politics.



The Socio-Legal Status of Bangali 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 Bangali 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.



The Lore of the Mandarins
Towards a Non-Partisan Public Service in Bangladesh
A. M. M. Shawkat Ali
This book provides a performance audit of the structure and functions of the Public Service Commissions as well as the quality of civil service management in Bangladesh. Covering a period of nearly thirty years, strengthened further by a reference to the historical and intellectual antecedents that led to the birth of PSCs in the Indian sub-continent, it draws on the recent experiences of other developed countries emerging from British colonial tradition.

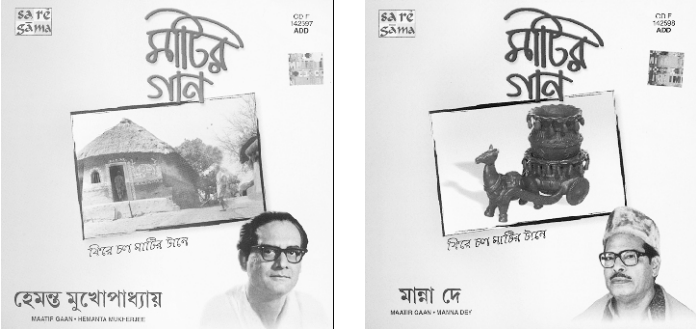
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CDs & Cassettes

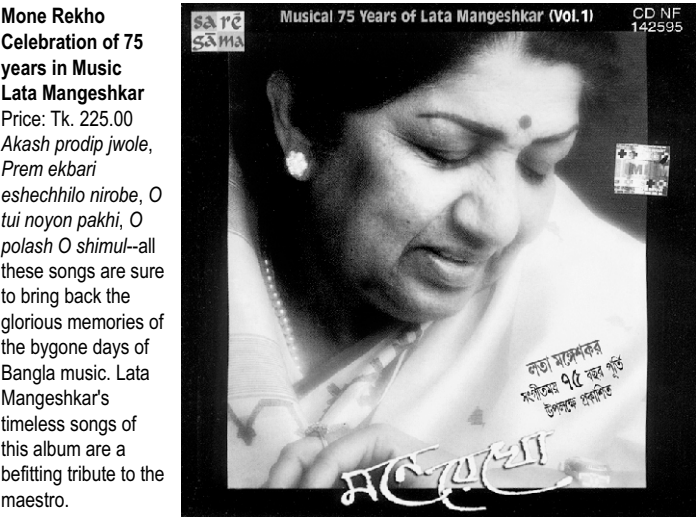


Bonolata Sen
Recitation of Selected Poems of Jibananda Das
Price: Tk. 225.00
Featuring renowned recitation artistes Kazi Sabyashachi, Shambhu Mitra, Soumitra Chattopadhyay, Pradipt Ghosh and Debdulal Bangladyopadhyay, the present album offers a superb collection of the most beautiful poetry in Bangla literature. Including the recitation of poems like Ei prithibite ek sthan ache, Aat bachhar ager ekin, Banglar mukh ami dekhiyachhi, Tomra jekhane shadin chole jao, Haay chili, Kuri bachhar pore, Abar ashibo phirey, Bonolata Sen, the CD will surely win hearts of fans of the mysterious poet.

Maatir Gaan



Price: Tk. 175.00 each
The series presents two legendary maestros of Bangla music--Hemanta Mukhopadhyay and Manna Day--with many of their popular tracks that tell of the beauty of the Bengal. Songs like Jakhon daklo banshi takhon Radha, Mon majhi tor boitha nere, Jago Rai Kamolini, Sujan kandari by Hemanta, and Kotona nodir janno hoy, Shabri konnya re, Kalo jodi mondo toby and others by Manna will fascinate the fans of old Bangla songs.



Dur Ke Korile Nikot (The Distant Nears)
Rabindra Sangeet by Lee-Alison Sibley & Pramita Mallick
Price: Tk. 225.00
It must be an interesting experience to listen to Rabindra Sangeet translated in other languages! The present album offers such a collection of Rabindra Sangeet both in Bangla and English by Pramita Mallick and a foreigner Lee-Alison Sibley. Sibley's songs include Blossoms, flowers gently gently (Phuley phuley dholey dholey), Light O my light (Alo amar alo ogo), If they answer not to thy call (Jodi tor daak shuney keu na ashey), Oh I know you I dream you (Ami chini go chini tomare) and a few Bangla ones too. Pramita also presents her numbers in both the languages.

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