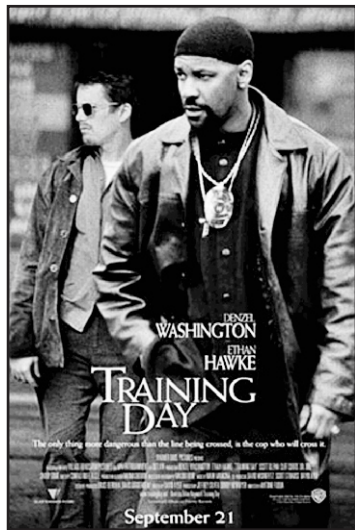


PICK OF THE WEEK



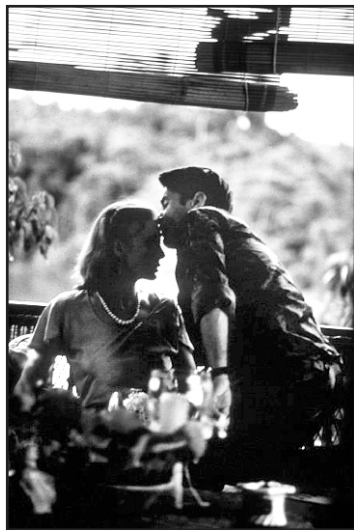
Our Choice

Training Day (IMDb rating 7.3)
On HBO, February 7 at 9:30 pm
Genre: Drama/Thriller/Crime
Denzel Washington, Ethan Hawke, Scott Glenn
In a city where streets are overrun by drug dealers, those who have sworn to uphold the law are breaking them to clean up the streets. L.A.P.D detective Alonzo Harris is a veteran narcotics officer whose methods of enforcing the law are questionable, if not corrupt. Harris trains rookie Jake Hoyt over a period 24 hours. Ethical dilemmas arise for Hoyt as questions present themselves as to whether or not Harris' methodology for ridding the streets of Los Angeles of drugs is right or wrong.



The Sport

VB Tri Series
1st Final (D/N)
Live from Melbourne, Australia
On ESPN, February 6 at 9:15 am
Australia
Vs
India



The Movie

Apocalypse Now Redux (IMDb rating 8.5)
On Star Movies, February 11 at 8:55 pm
Genre: Action/Drama/War
Marlon Brando, Robert Duvall, Martin Sheen
Based on Joseph Conrad's *Heart of Darkness*, this is a controversial addition to the multitude of Vietnam war movies in existence. We follow Captain Willard on his mission into Cambodia to assassinate a renegade Green Beret who has set himself up as a God among a local tribe.

Satellite TV



Hellraiser (IMDb rating 6.5)
On Star Movies, February 10 at 10:30 pm
Genre: Horror/Fantasy
Andrew Robinson, Clare Higgins, Ashley Laurence, Sean Chapman, Oliver Smith
Clive Barker's feature directing debut graphically depicts the tale of a man and wife who move into an old house and discover a hideous creature - the man's half-brother, who is also the woman's former lover - hiding upstairs. Having lost his earthly body to a trio of S&M demons, the Cenobites, he is brought back into existence by a drop of blood on the floor. He soon forces his former mistress to bring him his necessary human sacrifices to complete his body... but the Cenobites won't be happy about this.

The Curse of the Jade Scorpion

(IMDb rating 6.9)
On Star Movies, February 9 at 8:45 pm
Genre: Comedy/Crime/Drama/Mystery
Woody Allen, Elizabeth Berkley, Helen Hunt, John Schuck, Charlize Theron
CW Briggs is a veteran insurance investigator, with many successes. Betty Ann Fitzgerald is a new employee in the company he works for, with the task of reorganizing the office. They don't like each other - or at least that's what they think. During a night out with the rest of the office employees, they go to watch Volcan, a magician who secretly hypnotizes both of them, in order to use them for his dirty schemes. The next evening already, Briggs makes his first robbery, and when he wakes up in the morning he has no memory of it. Things get really complicated when he starts investigating the case. Will he be able to uncover... himself?

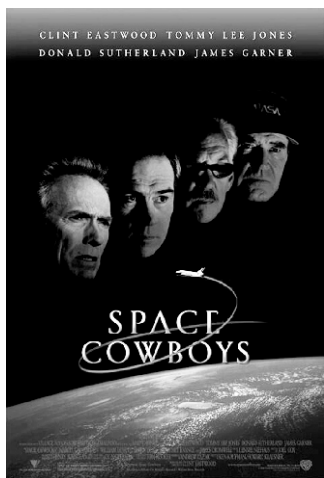


The Outsiders (IMDb rating 6.8)
On Star Movies, February 12 at 12 am
Genre: Crime/Drama
C. Thomas Howell, Matt Dillon, Ralph Macchio, Patrick Swayze
Based on the novel of the same name. The story of young men growing up facing hard times where they have little going for them.



Apollo 13 (IMDb rating 7.5)
On HBO, February 12 at 9:30 pm
Genre: Drama
Tom Hanks, Bill Paxton, Kevin Bacon, Gary Sinise
Based on the true story of the ill-fated 13th Apollo mission bound for the moon. Astronauts Lovell, Haise and Swigert were scheduled to fly Apollo 14, but are moved up to 13. It's 1970, and America have already achieved their lunar landing goal, so there's little interest in this "routine" flight... until that is, things go very wrong, and prospects of a safe return fade.

Space Cowboys (IMDb rating 6.5)
On HBO, February 9 at 1:45 am
Genre: Adventure/Sci-Fi/Drama/Comedy
Clint Eastwood, Tommy Lee Jones, Donald Sutherland, Marcia G Harden, Loren Dean
In 1958, four hot shot test pilots seem certain to be the first men to go into outer space. However, the backstabbing leader of their organization disbands them to prevent their involvement in the then forming NASA and labels them as non-team players. Flash forward to the present, the four-some are now living a docile life. The electrical engineer has a pleasant retired life in a desert home with his wife. The pilot, who had a penchant for pushing the test planes to their limits, is now a daredevil crop-duster. The designer is a womanizing roller coaster designer. Their former boss is now a mission leader in Nasa and still as despicable as in his younger days. It is here that the main story begins. It seems that an old Russian "communications" satellite is about to crash back into the Earth's atmosphere and somehow American technology designed by Eastwood's character has ended up as the guiding system. Of course, because of the old technology, only the original team can save the day. As Cromwell's character makes many learning statements about the satellite to the Russian general who is working with the Americans to save the day, you know there is something much more nefarious about the satellite. After some struggles to get the four to pass their physicals in less than 30 days, the four with two young counterparts are launched on the space shuttle to fix the satellite. Dean's character has somehow been coerced to be in on the subterfuge involving Cromwell and in an unexplained action, he tries to make connections on the satellite that causes the whole mission to become a disaster and creates the greatest action sequences in the film...

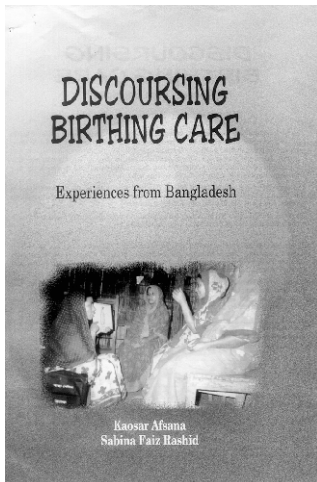


The Matrix (IMDb rating 8.5)
On HBO, February 11 at 9:30 pm
Genre: Action/Thriller/Sci-Fi
Keanu Reeves, Laurence Fishburne, Carrie-Anne Moss, Hugo Weaving, Marcus Chong, Gloria Foster
In the near future, a computer hacker named Neo discovers that all life on Earth may be nothing more than an elaborate facade created by a malevolent cyber-intelligence, for the purpose of placating us while our life essence is "farmed" to fuel the Matrix's campaign of domination in the "real" world. He joins like-minded Rebel warriors Morpheus and Trinity in their struggle to overthrow the Matrix.



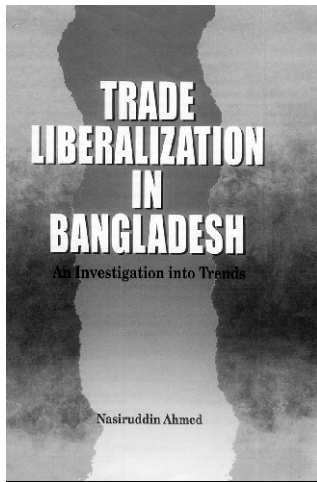
Brotherhood of the Wolf (IMDb rating 7.1)
On Star Movies, February 7 at 8:30 pm
Genre: Horror/Thriller/Mystery
Samuel Le Bihan, Vincent Cassel, Emilie Dequenne, Monica Bellucci
In 1765 something was stalking the mountains of south-western France. A 'beast' that pounced on humans and animals with terrible ferocity. Indeed they beast became so notorious that the King of France dispatched envoys to find out what was happening and to kill the creature. By the end, the Beast of Gevaudan had killed over 100 people, to this day, no one is entirely sure what it was, wolf? hyena? or something supernatural? Whatever it was, shepherds had the same life-expectancy as the red-suited guys in 'Star Trek'. The Beast is a popular myth in France, albeit one rooted firmly in reality; some-what surprisingly it is little known to the outside world, and perhaps incredibly it has never been made into a movie. Until now... Based on the true story of the Beast of the Gevaudan that terrorised France in the mid-XVIIIth century, the movie aims to tell first and explain afterwards. In the first part, a special envoy of the King of France, altogether biologist, explorer and philosopher, arrives in the Gevaudan region, in the mountainous central part of France. The Beast has been attacking women and children for months and nobody has quite been able to harm it or even take a good look at it. In the second part, our hero Chevalier de Fronsac will not only have to fight the Beast, but also ignorance, bigotry and conspiracy and will rely on two women, one an aristocrat, the other a prostitute, as well as the enigmatic Mani, an Iroquois he met in New-France.

Books



Discourging 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 health care for the poor pregnant women in Bangladesh. The core of the book explores the differing perspectives between rural women and health care providers regarding childbirth care and practices. The study attempts to understand

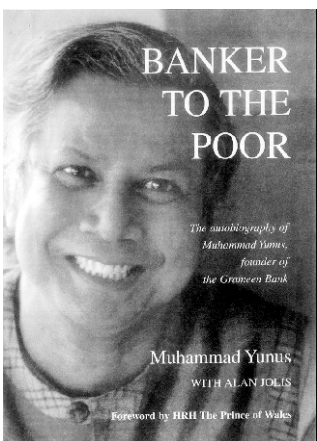
women's perceptions of birthing care and their practices, the role of culture, socio-economic factors, and household dynamics as they influence women and their family's health-seeking behaviour. The book should assist health policy makers and planners to respond more sensitively to the constraints of health sector in rural Bangladesh.



Trade Liberalization in Bangladesh
An Investigation into Trends
Nasiruddin Ahmed
Price: Tk. 375.00
This book analyses trends and impact of trade liberalization in Bangladesh. Bangladesh's trade liberalization effort started in the mid-1980s as an important component of the structural adjustment programme sponsored by the Bretton Woods Institutions -- the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund. Compared to the highly restrictive and inward-oriented nature of the trade regime that prevailed before the mid-1980s, Bangladesh presently has a less restrictive and more outward-oriented trade policy environment. This is a result of the commendable progress made in eliminating a sizable portion of import tariff and non-tariff barriers and adopting a flexible exchange rate policy.

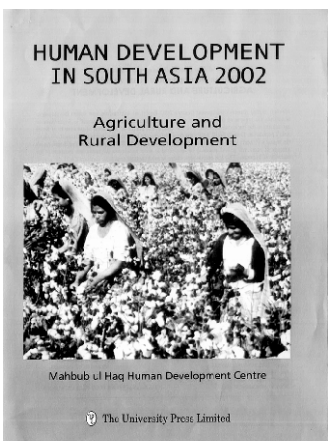
Bankers to the Poor

The autobiography of Muhammad Yunus, founder of the Grameen Bank
Muhammad Yunus & Alan Jolis
Price: Tk. 480.00
Banker to the Poor is an autobiographical account of the founder of the Grameen Bank, Muhammad Yunus. This work is fundamental rethink on the economic relationship between the rich and the poor, their rights and obligations. The Grameen Bank is founded on principles of trust and solidarity. Muhammad Yunus believes that the right to credit should be recognized as a fundamental human right because credit is the last hope left to those faced with absolute poverty. The unique and extraordinary methods he used to combat human despair is recounted here with humility and conviction. Yunus is familiar with both Eastern and Western cultures -- on the failure and potential for good of industrial countries.



Human Development in South Asia 2002

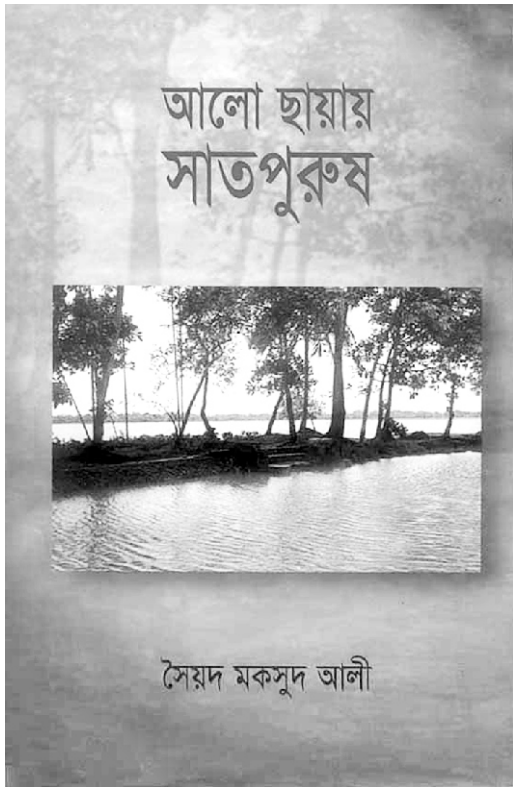
Agriculture and Rural Development
Mahbub ul Haq
Human Development Centre's Report
Price: Tk. 475.00
Mahbub ul Haq Human Development Centre's 2002 Report on Agriculture and Rural Development underlines the imperative of focusing on a human-centred agricultural development in South Asia, as agriculture is the backbone of South Asia's economy and source of livelihood of two-thirds of South Asia's population. Despite South Asia's stunning performance in agriculture during the Green Revolution, the region still hosts some half-a-billion poor people of the world. The Report argues that South Asia's strategy of economic growth needs to be reoriented in order to address the needs and concerns of the majority of its people.



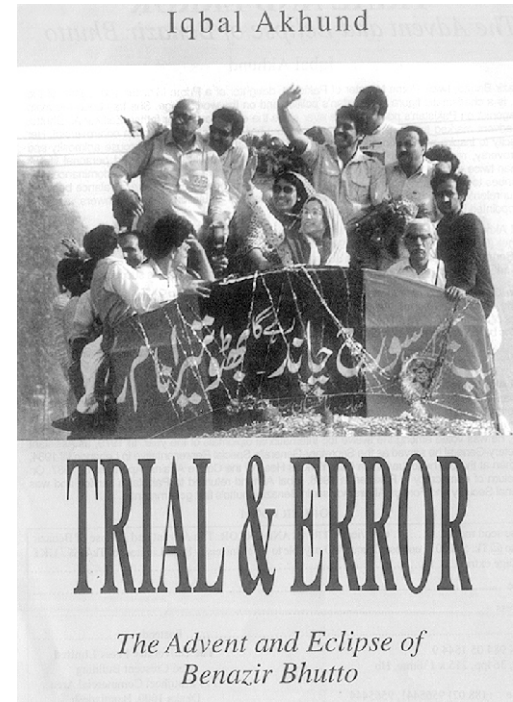
How to Help Small Farmers in Bangladesh

Hugh Brammer
Price: Tk. 1500.00
In the sixth volume of his collected works on agriculture in Bangladesh, the author brings together selected papers, updated by footnotes, which describe the country's agricultural environment, crops, cropping systems and a wide range of practical methods to help small farmers to increase soil fertility, crop yields and annual agricultural production. This book is aimed particularly at government and NGO agricultural extension workers, agricultural teachers and students, and visiting foreign consultants. It provides practical training models and material, and makes available information in reports and papers which previously had a limited circulation. Part I comprises three chapters which describe the diversity and complexity of Bangladesh's physical and farming environments and the implications for organizing agricultural extension activities. The three chapters in Part II show how to use soil survey information, particularly for selecting sites for trial and demonstration plots in farmers' fields. Part III includes four chapters which describe methods to increase extension efficiency by identifying specific ways to help small farmers, making use of farmers' own experience, preparing work calendars and identifying progressive areas.

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Alochhayay Shatpurush
Syed Moqsdul Ali
PP 380, Price: Tk. 350.00
Shubha Prakashan
Alochhayay Shatpurush was originally published under the title *Shatpurusher Itikatha*. Among the autobiographies so far published in this country *Alochhayay Shatpurush* invariably stands out as a valuable contribution. The book is not merely a personal life history of the author; it presents also a graphic account of the historical past as well as the contemporary events leading to the independence of Bangladesh. The in-depth observations of the author bring their socio-cultural and political developments and dilemmas in the rural & urban societies into sharp focus. For social scientists, the book presents enough materials for research, general readers, too, will find it highly interesting.



Trial and Error
The Advent and Eclipse of Benazir Bhutto
Iqbal Akhund
Price: Tk. 550.00
Benazir Bhutto, twice Prime Minister of Pakistan, daughter of a Prime Minister, a daughter of the east, is a charismatic figure in Pakistan's politics and on the world stage. She has been the main protagonist on Pakistan's political stage ever since the execution of her father, Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto. Her advent marked the transition to democracy but her performance has been controversial. Her capacity to inspire admiration and devotion and in almost equal degree, to arouse animosity and controversy, remains, unaffected by the vicissitudes of her political career and personal life. A woman twice elected to head the government in a country with a tradition of male dominance, she continues to be a major factor in the country's politics.

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CDs & Cassettes



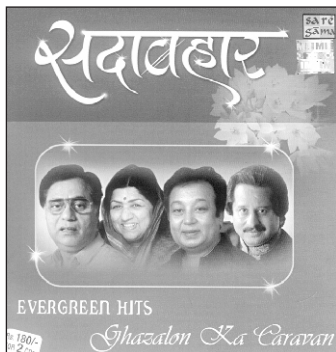
Path Hara Pakhi
Nazrul Sangeet by Ferdous Ara



Tumi Ashley Ki Je Bhalo Lagey
Modern Bangla Songs by Ferdous Ara

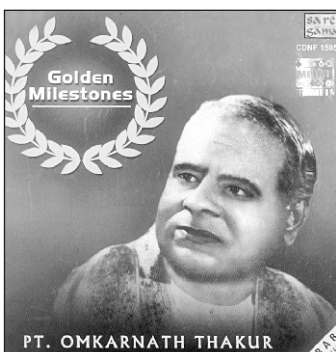


Notun Hote Chai
Modern Bangla Songs by Utpala Sen

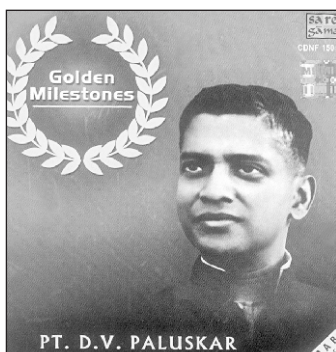


Evergreen Hits
Ghazalon Ka Caravan
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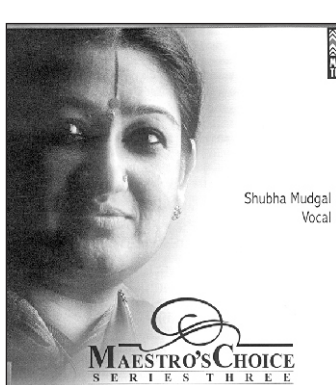
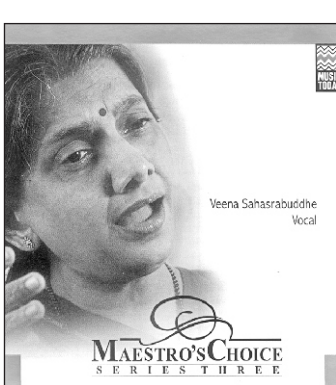
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Golden Milestones
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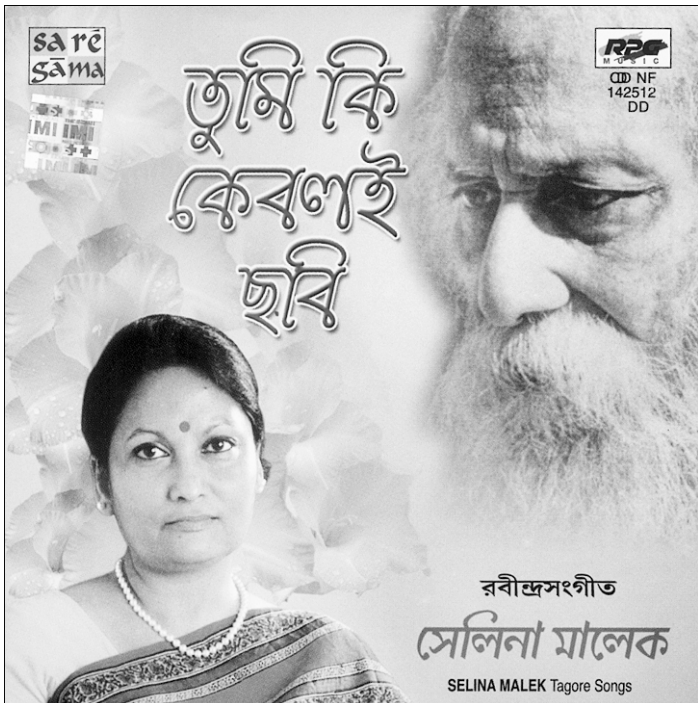


Weena Sahasrabuddhe Shubha Mudgal



Maestro's Choice
Price: Tk. 350.00 each

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Tumi Ki Kebolai Chhobi
Rabindra Sangeet by Selina Malek
Price: Tk. 225.00

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