

PICK OF THE WEEK



Our Choice

Big Daddy (IMDb rating 5.9)
On HBO, March 06 at 9:30 pm
Genre: Comedy
Adam Sandler, Joey Lauren Adams, Joseph Bologna
Sonny Koufax is 32 years old. He's a law school graduate. He's got a nice apartment in Manhattan. There's just one problem. He does nothing, except sit on his butt and live off an investment that was the result of a meager lawsuit he won a year ago. But after his fed up girlfriend leaves him, he comes up with the ingenious idea to adopt a five year old boy to showcase his newfound maturity.



The Sport

Bangladesh Tour of Zimbabwe
Nissan One Day Int'l Series
1st ODI
Live from Bulawayo, Zimbabwe
On ESPN, March 6 at 1:20 pm
Zimbabwe
Vs
Bangladesh



The Movie

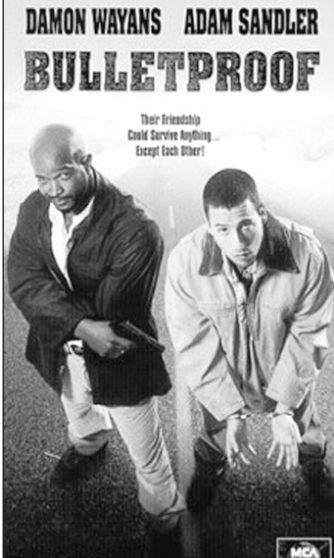
Signs (IMDb rating 7.2)
On Star Movies, March 07 at 7:00 pm
Genre: Drama/Horror/Sci-Fi/Thriller
Mel Gibson, Joaquin Phoenix, Rory Culkin
The film tells the story of the Hess family in Bucks County, Pennsylvania. A five-hundred-foot crop circle is found on the farm of Graham Hess, the town's reverend. Hess and his family are told extraterrestrials are responsible for the signs in their field. They watch the news as crop circles are soon found all over the world.

Satellite TV



The Exorcist (IMDb rating 7.9)
On HBO, March 06 at 11:30 pm
Genre: Horror/Drama
Ellen Burstyn, Max Von Sydow, Jason Miller, Linda Blair
Blatty's novelisation of a real case of possession that happened in a Washington Suburb puts Regan, an adolescent girl living with her mother in Georgetown in Washington, into a more and more difficult situation. She exhibits strange symptoms, including levitation and great strength. When all medical possibilities are exhausted, her mother is sent to a priest who is also a psychiatrist. He becomes convinced that Regan is possessed and he and a second priest experienced in exorcism try to drive the spirit from Regan before she dies. Very graphic for it's time.

Bulletproof (IMDb rating 5.3)



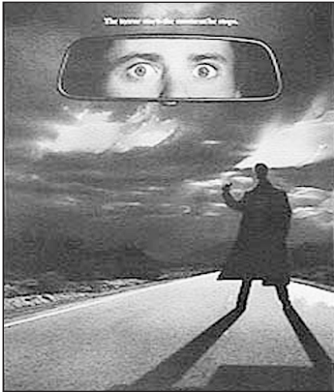
On HBO, March 07 at 9:30 pm
Genre: Action/Comedy
Damon Wayans, Adam Sandler
Rock Keats and Archie Moses are the best of friends and have spent the past year together performing various small time criminal acts. This all changes when they become involved in a major drug smuggling operation. Rock Keats turns out to be Jack Carter, an undercover police officer and tries to arrest Moses during a failed attempt to catch criminal mastermind Frank Colton. However, Moses ends up shooting Carter and makes an escape. Moses is later caught and agrees to turn state's evidence on Colton with one condition, Carter escorts him in. When they meet, both are bitter towards each other. Unknown to them, Colton's men have orders to take out Moses and arrive to shoot down the transport plane. Carter and Moses end up by themselves in the countryside with Colton's men closing in. Will they survive?...will their friendship?



Gattaca (IMDb rating 7.5)
On HBO, March 08 at 9:30 pm
Genre: Drama/Sci-Fi/Thriller
Ethan Hawke, Uma Thurman, Jude Law
Gattaca Corp. is an aerospace firm in the future. During this time society analyzes your DNA and determines where you belong in life. Ethan Hawke's character was born with a congenital heart condition which would cast him out of getting a chance to travel in space. So in turn he assumes the identity of an athlete who has genes that would allow him to achieve his dream of space travel.

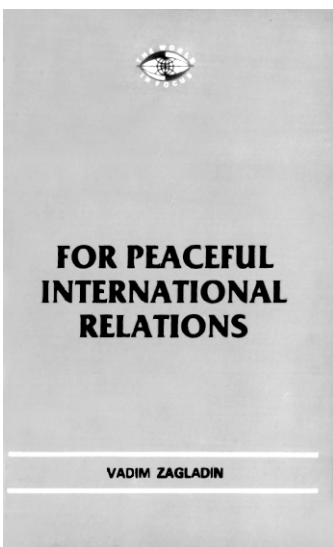
Home Alone 2: Lost in New York (IMDb rating 4.9)

On Star Movies, March 11 at 7:00 pm
Genre: Family/Comedy
Macaulay Culkin, Joe Pesci, Daniel Stern, Catherine O'Hara
The McAllister family go on a holiday to Florida. Kevin McAllister gets separated from his family, and manages to get himself onto a plane to New York instead. There, he checks into the best hotel with his father's credit card, and sets out to enjoy himself. Unfortunately, the burglars he had foiled before were in New York after being released from jail, and had plans to rob the biggest toyshop in New York on Christmas Eve. Kevin discovers their plan, and sets out to foil their plots again, while the burglars set out to finish off what they had not done before - the killing of the brat Kevin.



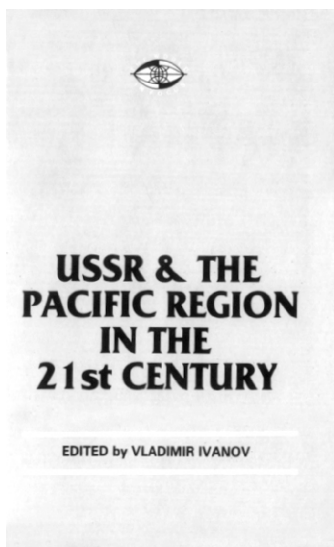
The Hitcher (IMDb rating 6.8)
On Star Movies, March 08 at 9:00 pm
Genre: Action/Horror/Thriller
C. Thomas Howell, Rutger Hauer, Jennifer Jason Leigh
Transporting someone else's car to another state from Chicago to San Diego, a young man is stalked along the road by a cunning and relentless serial killer who eventually frames the driver for a string of murders. Chased by police and shadowed by the killer, the driver's only help comes from a truck stop waitress. The police, unaware of the real murderer blame the driver. The hitch hiker shows super human powers in his destructive spree.

Books



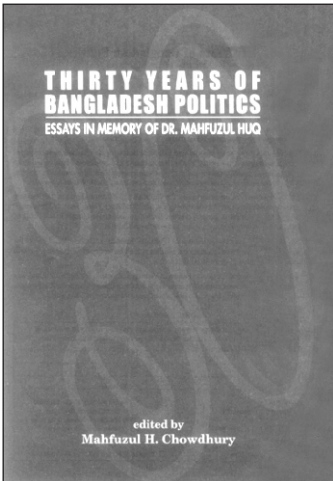
For Peaceful International Relations
Vadim Zagladin
This book has been written by Vadim Zagladin, a well-known expert in international relations. It covers a wide range of issues that deal with the restructuring of Soviet foreign policy. What necessitated such a process and what is the essence of the new concept of foreign policy? What are its main directions and principles? For Peaceful International Relations provides the reader with answers to these questions. It gives special emphasis to the regional aspects of the Soviet programme, including the common European home, security in Asia, the Pacific and the Indian Oceans.

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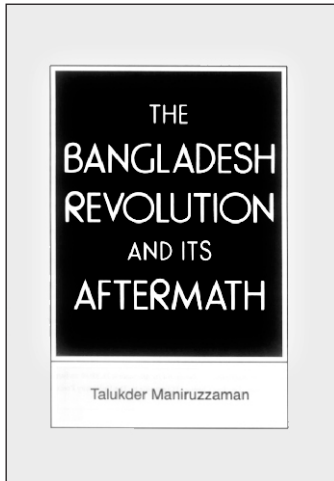


USSR & The Pacific Region in the 21st Century
Edited by Vladimir Ivanov
What was behind the turn of Soviet policy towards the Pacific? What is the essence of that turn? Scholars from the Institute of World Economy and International Relations, Moscow, speak about the tasks which this turn has determined. They are: creating a qualitatively new economic potential in the Soviet Far East, the area's integration in the regional economic ties, and the more active interaction of the Soviet economy with the Asia-Pacific zone of the international economy.

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Thirty Years of Bangladesh Politics
Essays in Memory of Dr Mahfuzul Huq
Edited by Mahfuzul H Chowdhury
Price: Tk. 400.00
This volume of essays has been published in memory of the late Dr. Mahfuzul Huq, a leading political scientist of Bangladesh who died in 1966 in a helicopter crash in Faridpur, Bangladesh. Leading Bangladeshi scholars and social scientists from home and abroad have contributed the eleven essays in this volume which examine and explain the developments in selected areas of politics and governance in Bangladesh. The last thirty years have been eventful and turbulent times for Bangladesh as it struggles towards achieving a democratic polity. The analytical essays in this volume cover varied areas such as the political system, public policy, local government and administration, foreign policy and national security, ethnicity and religion and the Bangladesh War of Liberation.

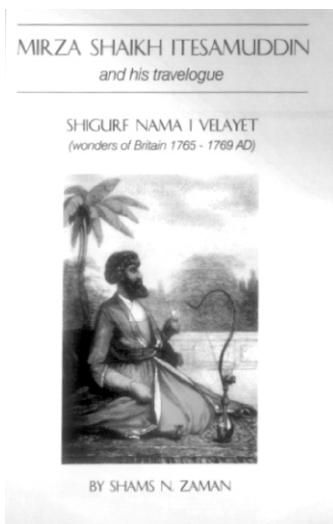


The Bangladesh Revolution and its Aftermath
Talukder Maniruzzaman
Price: Tk. 300.00
The short but stormy life of Bangladesh presents questions which have a far wider relevance. Was its secessionist birth the outcome of ever-latent nationalism or failure of political management or just Indian armed force? How could its charismatic founder leader fall by assassination in the fourth year of his reign? What made democratic urges culminate in military rule? In this first account of liberation struggle that was more than a nationalist revolution but less than a social transformation, leading Bangladesh political scientist, Professor Talukder Maniruzzaman, traces the origins, nature and consequences of the violent course of his country's birth and early years. This well-informed, careful study illuminates the recent past and the future prospects of this new state of 100 million people and at the same time deepens our understanding of political processes common to many parts of the Third World.

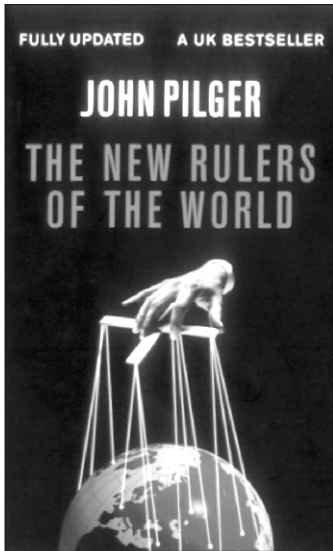
Inside Bengal Politics: 1936-1947
Unpublished Correspondence of Partition Leaders
Harun-or-Rashid
Price: Tk. 300.00

The decade preceding the 1947 Indian partition was an eventful period, with profound impact on the subsequent political developments of the states thus created. Though works dealing with this period abound, most of these have an all-India focus. There is a dearth of research-based books and other works covering the Bengal situation. Bengal, then a Muslim-majority province in eastern India, was the bastion of the Muslim League/Pakistan movement. Perhaps there would have not been Pakistan state without the solid support of the Bengali Muslims who, at the same time, were fully aware of their distinct identity. Jinnah had to win their support to realise his Plan. How did he do it? The present book is based on about a hundred unpublished letters and other correspondence of eminent partition leaders, including AK Fazlul Huq, HS Suhrawardy, Khwaja Nazimuddin, Maulana Akram Khan and Raghib Ahsan, with MA Jinnah, Liaquat Ali Khan, the Governor of Bengal and the Viceroy's Staff between 1936 and 1947. The present volume gives a firsthand account of some crucial inside views on the Muslim League organisation in Bengal, party factionalism and disputes, alignments and re-alignments of leaders, political intrigues, the Huq-Jinnah conflict, centre vs. province relations in the party, management of conflict and instrument of central control, the Bengali view of Pakistan, the statehood ideal of the Bengali Muslim leadership, Suhrawardy's move for a united independent Bengal, Dacca vs. Calcutta rivalry within the Bengal Muslim League, Hindu-Muslim relations, etc. The book should be of interest to historians and readers interested in the Partition of India and Bengal Studies.

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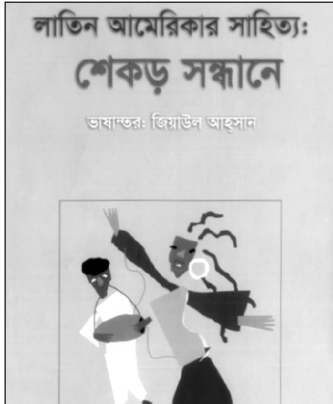


Mirza Shaikh Itesamuddin and His Travelogue
Shigurf Nama I Velayat
(Wonders of Britain 1765-1769 AD)
Shams N Zaman
Until quite recently scholars were scarcely aware of any Indian muslim accounts of Europe in the late 18th and early 19th centuries. Apart from the well-known travelogue of Abu Talib Ibn Muhammad Isfahani who arrived in London in 1799. The research of Dr Gulfishan Khan then introduced us to a number of other Muslim scholars who had made the journey even earlier. Dr. Shams Zaman has discovered much new information about the Mirza by taking one of those earlier accounts by a traveller Mirza Shaikh Itesamuddin. The book also deals with the life-story of Mirza.



The New Rulers of the World
John Pilger
Price: Tk. 2650.00
John Pilger is one of the world's renowned investigative journalists and documentary filmmakers. In this fully updated collection, he reveals the secrets and illusions of modern imperialism. Beginning with Indonesia, he shows how General Suharto's bloody seizure of power in the 1960s was part of a western design to impose a 'global economy' on Asia. A million Indonesians died as the price for being the World Bank's 'model pupil.' In a shocking chapter on Iraq, he allows us to understand the true nature of the West's war against the people of that country. And he dissects, piece by piece, the propaganda of the 'war on terror' to expose its Orwellian truth.

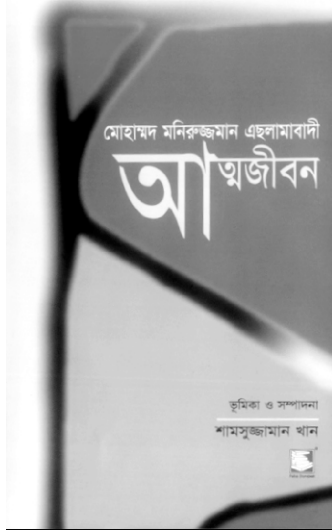
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Latin American Shahitya: Shekor Shandhaney
(Literature of Latin America: In Search of the Roots)
Translated by Ziaul Ahsan
Shobdoshilpa Prokashoni, Price: Tk. 100.00
The book registers the history of literature in the Latin America drafted by historians including Gordon Brotherstone, John King, Rita Gilbert, Hector Perry, Raymond Lesley Williams and Harry Vailage. The writings record the history from the Pre-Boom period to the modern days.



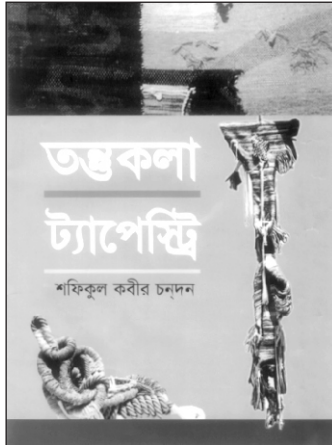
Encountering Exclusion
Primary Education Policy Watch
Rashed Al Mahmud Titumir & Jakir Hossain
Price: Tk. 350.00



Mohammad Moniruzzaman Eslamabadi: Biography
Edited by Shamsuzzaman Khan
Price: Tk. 190.00
Maolana Moniruzzaman Eslamabadi (1875-1950) was an eminent Aalem (learned person), freedom fighter, nationalist leader and social reformer. Institutionally weathered in Islamic tradition and intellect, he however earned a place in the historic 'Azad Hind' army of Netaji Subhash Bose for his open philosophy and allegiance to the Indian freedom. He had to embrace the jail and endure lots of suffering for this.

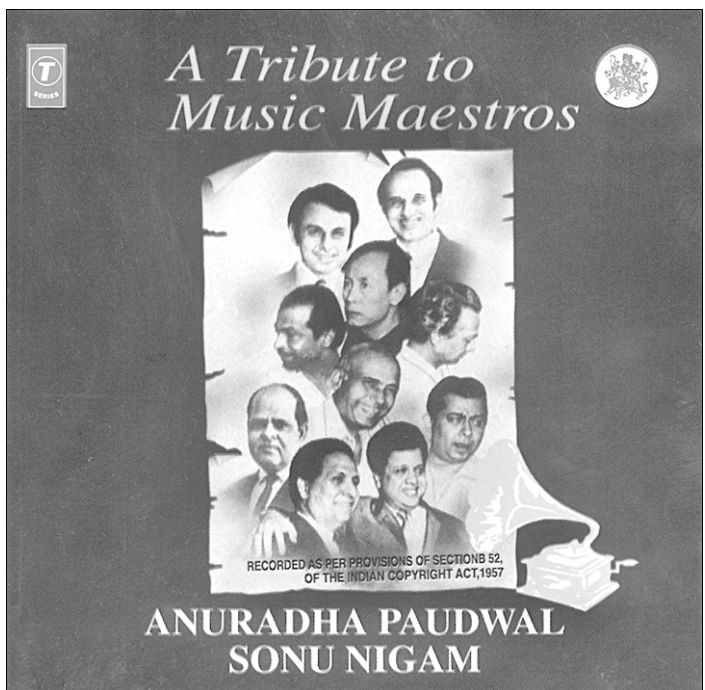


Megher Akash Alor Shurjo
Unpublished Poems of Abul Hassan
Price: Tk. 250.00
The collection contains poems written by the poet in his early youth. But the talent is clearly perceptible from the mastery he had already attained in rhyme scheme—all the three kinds achieved maturity in Abul Hassan's poems. He presented this manuscript to another youth of his acquaintances in 1966.



Tontukala (Tapestry)
Shafiqul Kabir Chandon
Ramon Publishers
Price: Tk. 90.00
Tapestry is one of the media of artistic expression. The present book deals with the trends in tapestry, its background and heritage in Bangladesh, its world acceptance, introductory passages on different kinds of fibres used around the world, and many other aspects of the art.

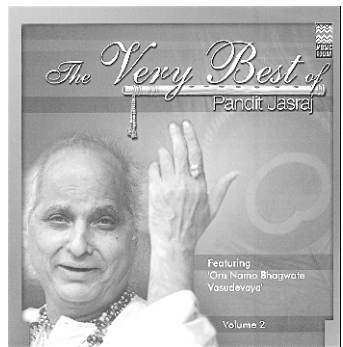
CDs & Cassettes



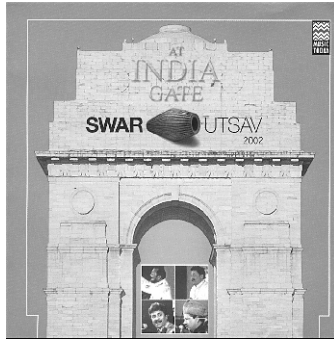
A Tribute to Music Maestros
Anuradha Paudwal & Sonu Nigam
Price: Tk. 150.00



Enchanting Hour with Kishore Kumar
Vol. 1
Price: 150.00



The Very Best of Pandit Jasraj
Vol. 2
Price: Tk. 400.00



Swar Utsav 2002
Wadali Brothers, Nizami Brothers and Rashid Khan
Price: Tk. 400.00



The Best of Shubha Mudgal
Hindustani Classical Vocal
Price: Tk. 400.00

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The album has already created a vibe among the youth. The album features almost all significant 'alternative' bands in the music scene like Metalmaze, Aashor, Arbovirus, Breach, Nemesis, Stentorian, Fulbanu's Revenge, Poizon Green, Striking, Bivishika, Reborn, Scarecrow, Music Zoo, Icons, Vinyl n' Sugar, Helldivers, Moshpit, Bloodoria, and a combination of Artcell, Black and Cryptic Fate under the name ABC. Planned and arranged by another musical figure Duray and sponsored by Pepsi, the album has a brilliant cover jacket showing a beautiful kid, clenching fist towards the unseen enemy. The songs project the anguish as well as romanticism of the young generation which is perceptible from the tracks' titles: *Aashirbad, Osthir shomoy, Obhishaap, Dushswapno, Ekhaner mrityu, Basanta, Nishpap aporadh, Nishiddho Shanglaap* and many more.