

PICK OF THE WEEK



Our Choice

The Majestic (IMDb rating 6.7)
On HBO, March 27 at 9:30 pm
Genre: Drama/Romance
Jim Carrey, Bob Balaban, Jeffrey DeMunn, Hal Holbrook
Peter Appleton is a script writer during the 1950's who is suspected to be a Communist among many Hollywood film people (which is not true). Along the way, he gets into a freak car accident and suffers amnesia, then ends up in a small California town. There he lives in a run down movie theatre where he learns the magic of experiencing a movie in it. Soon, the Communist hunters find him and call him to testify before a Senate hearing committee.



The Sport

English Premier Football

League 2003/04

Live from London, England

On ESPN, March 28 at 9:00 pm

Manchester United

Vs

Arsenal



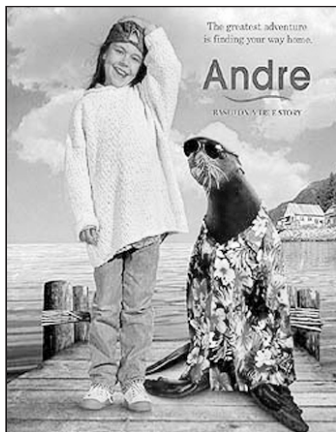
The Movie

Long Life, Happiness & Prosperity
(IMDb rating 6.8)
On Star Movies, March 29 at 8:35 pm
Genre: Comedy/Family/Drama/Romance
Sandra Oh, Valerie Tian, Ric Young, Chang Tseng
Mindy Ho, an eccentric, strong-minded 12-year-old, stages Taoist magical experiments to save her harried single mother from financial and romantic ruin. Her misdirected charms appear to cause an aging security guard to lose his job and a local butcher to win the lottery, ultimately forcing each man to face his worst fears.

Satellite TV

Riding in Cars with Boys (IMDb rating 6.3)
On HBO, March 28 at 9:30 pm
Genre: Comedy/Drama
Drew Barrymore, Steve Zahn, Adam Garcia

Serocomic story based on the memoir by Beverly Donofrio, the movie follows a young woman who finds her life radically altered by an event from her teen years. Born in 1950, Beverly grew up bright and ambitious in a working-class neighborhood in Connecticut; her father was a tough but good-hearted cop who listened to his daughter's problems, and her mother was a nervous woman eager to imagine the worst. From an early age, Beverly displays a keen intelligence and an interest in literature, and dreams of going to college in New York and becoming a writer. However, she also develops an early interest in boys, and at 15 finds herself madly in love with a boy from her high school. However, an attempt to get his attention leads to an embarrassing incident at a party, and Ray, a sweet but thick-headed 18-year-old, steps forward to defend her. Beverly and Ray end up making out, and after one thing leads to another, Beverly discovers she's pregnant. Telling Ray is only marginally less difficult than informing her parents, and at 16, Beverly is a wife and mother. Against the odds, Beverly is determined to still finish high school and go on to college, but that goal becomes more difficult with time, especially after Beverly's marriage begins to fall apart. Ray tries to do the right thing but has trouble holding a job, and becomes addicted to heroin.



Andre (IMDb rating 5.3)
On HBO, March 31 at 9:30 pm
Genre: Adventure/Drama
Keith Carradine, Chelsea Field, Joshua Jackson, Tina Majorino

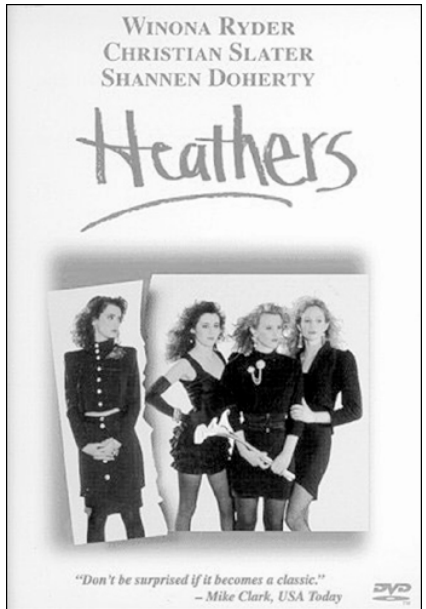
Toni Whitney and her family adopt a baby seal. When it grows and starts getting into mischief, it antagonizes some of the fishermen in the town. One of the fishermen, Mark Baker, is upset with the Whitney's because Toni's father, Harry, was appointed Harbor Master instead of him, partially because of the seal. But when the humorous antics of the seal attracts media attention, further squeezing out Mark, and running down his business, he gets even more upset.

Romancing the Stone (IMDb rating 6.8)



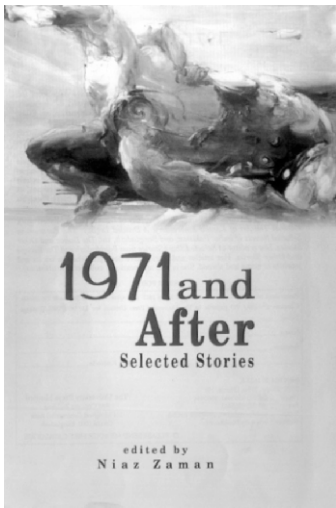
On Star Movies, April 01 at 8:45 pm
Genre: Action/Adventure/Family/Comedy/Romance
Michael Douglas, Kathleen Turner, Danny DeVito

Joan Wilder is a mousey writer of romance novels. She finds a package from her sister mailed from Colombia in her mailbox. A call from her sister tells her that she has been kidnapped and that bringing the package to Colombia is necessary for her safety and release. Being fairly clueless, she leaves for Colombia to rescue her sister. She is lost within hours of her arrival. She is nearly murdered by one of the men searching for the package when Jack Colton, a fairly low life American rescues her. They begin a journey through the jungle with bullets flying nearby. Is Joan up to all of this? What a way to find out.

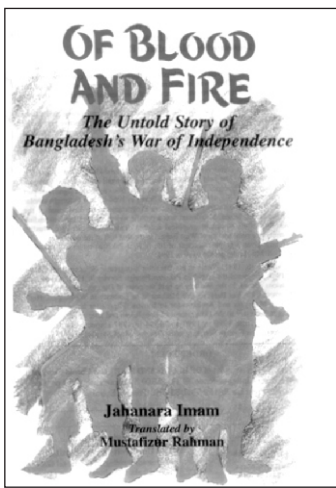


Heathers (IMDb rating 7.4)
On Star Movies, March 27 at 9:15 pm
Genre: Comedy/Crime/Drama/Romance
Winona Ryder, Christian Slater, Shannen Doherty, Lianne Falk, Kim Walker
Three high school girls named Heather run an iron clad social clique at high school. One of their anointees, Veronica, isn't sure she wants to fit into the clique, particularly when she has to snub some of her old friends at the Heathers' behest. She hates them enough to wish they were dead, but she would never want to be their cause of death though. When Veronica meets the new guy Jason Dean at school, she starts pulling away from the clique, while some of the more popular students start showing up dead with suicide notes.

Books

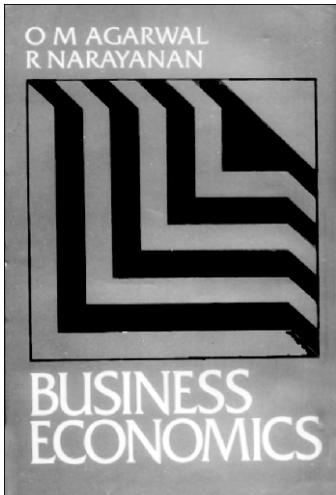


1971 and After
Selected Stories
edited by Niaz Zaman
The twenty-four stories in 1971 and After are a representative fraction of the numerous short stories written about the War of Liberation and its aftermath. They include stories by well known writers such as Akhtaruzzaman Elias, Alauddin Al Azad, Hasan Azizul Huq, Humayun Ahmed, Makbula Manzoor, and Nasreen Jahan as well as by a number of less well known writers. Taken together, they give a varied perspective on the events of 1971 and after. The stories, some written immediately after the war, some decades later, have been arranged so that they begin with 1971 and end with the present.



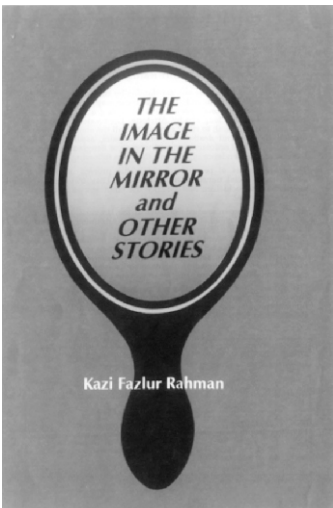
Of Blood and Fire
The Untold Story of Bangladesh's War of Independence
Jahanara Imam
Translated by Mustafizur Rahman
Price: Tk. 250.00
The year 1971 saw the eastern half of Pakistan (now Bangladesh) rise in revolt against the military regime of the country which had unleashed a reign of terror to crush the people's demand for independence. There was indiscriminate killing, burning and looting of the unarmed civilians. An underground resistance movement spearheaded by students came into being to fight the oppressor. A full-fledged war of liberation ensued.

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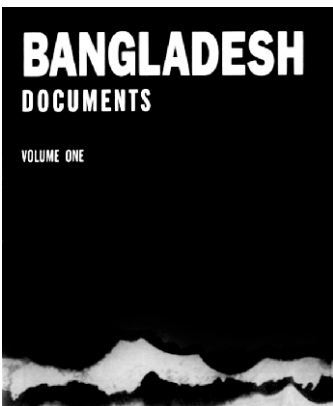
Business Economics
OM Agarwal and R Narayanan
Written for the students who have to offer a paper in Business Economics, prescribed by some Southern Indian universities as a part of their BCom courses, Business Economics follows an order consistent with the oral traditions in Indian universities. It is designed to cater to the needs of even those students who lack an advanced mathematical background. Verbal and graphical logic have been used for expositional purposes. Wherever it has been necessary this has been supplemented by what is largely secondary school algebra. In order to make the book concise and yet comprehensive, attention has been confined to the essentials, while the arguments have been spelt out in detail.

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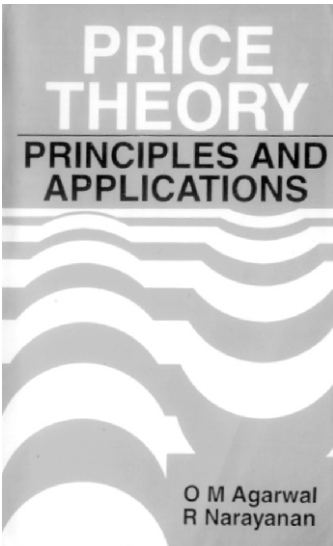


The Image in the Mirror and Other Stories
Kazi Fazlur Rahman
Price: Tk. 150.00
The stories in this volume are translations by the author from his original Bangla. In form and structure, these may be described as consciously conventional -- each with a beginning, a middle and an end -- as prescribed long ago by Aristotle. The locales range from villages in Bangladesh to cities abroad. Yet, all the stories are spun around the life and death, hope and despair, aspirations and frustrations of the ordinary men and women of Bangladesh during the war of Independence in 1971 and the years following.

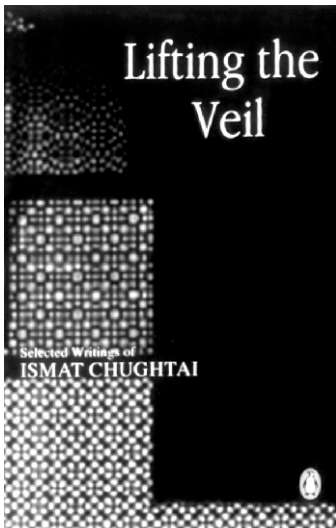
These are stories of persons caught in the process of political turmoil and social transition in Bangladesh. They transcend the confines of parochialism and portray the emotions and conflicts that are universal.



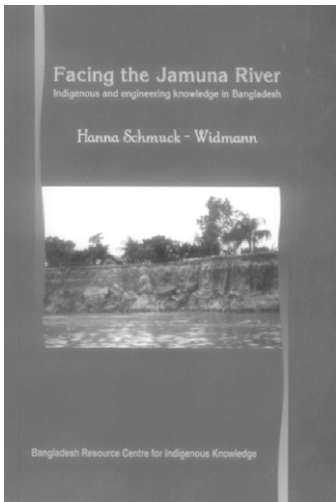
Bangladesh Documents, Volume One
Sheelendra Kumar Singh et al
Price: Tk. 750.00
The Bangladesh Documents include a chronological presentation of significant events of 1971, commentaries in the world press, speeches of important people, record of initiatives by different interest groups, reporting of the war and the record of peace efforts. The 1498 pages publication in two volumes include 979 important documents pertaining to the Bangladesh Liberation War. The Bangladesh Documents in two volumes was published in 1971 and soon after by the Indian External Affairs Ministry. It remained out of print for many years and after 28 years of the country's independence, UPL has taken the initiative of reissuing the documents for archival reasons.



Price Theory
OM Agarwal & Dr R Narayanan
Written for students of BCom, MCom and BA of Indian universities, Price Theory follows an order consistent with the oral traditions in Indian universities. It makes use of verbal and graphical logic in its exposition of Microeconomics. Where required, this exposition is supplemented by secondary school algebra. As such, the book is intelligible to students without an advanced mathematics background. The treatment of the subject-matter is at once both concise and comprehensive. This has been made possible by confining attention on the essential of a Microeconomics course, while spelling out the arguments in detail.

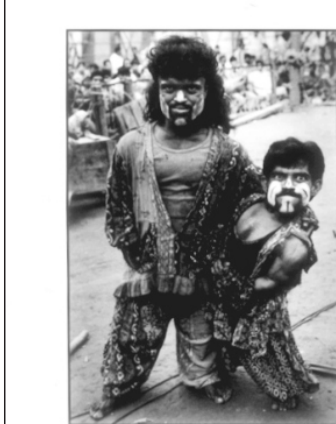


Lifting the Veil
Selected Writings of Ismat Chughtai
Price: Tk. 425.00
Ismat Chughtai totally transformed the complexion of Urdu fiction. At a time when writing by and about women was rare and tentative, Chughtai explored female sexuality with unparalleled frankness and examined the political and social mores of her time. She wrote about the world that she knew, bringing the idiom of the middle class to Urdu prose.



Facing the Jamuna River
Indigenous and Engineering Knowledge in Bangladesh
Hanna Schmuck-Widmann
Price: Tk. 400.00
This book studies how two different groups - people living on the islands (chars) of the Jamuna River, and European engineers working along its banks -- understand the river and try to copy with it. The Jamuna is one of the mightiest and most unstable rivers in the world. During the rainy season it widens by up to twenty kilometers and shifts its bed several hundred metres in some places. No method to control the river has been developed. In order to live and survive on its islands, char-people follow strategies based on local-indigenous knowledge, while European engineers refer to technical-scientific knowledge to find methods for getting the river under control -- and only at some places.

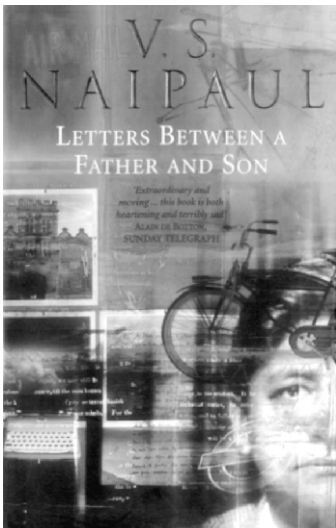
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Surviving Dreams
The Struggling Circuses of Bangladesh
Pierre Clauquin
Price: Tk. 1500.00
In 2003 only 8 circuses exist in Bangladesh and they barely survive under economic and administrative duress. The artists who perform there see themselves as professionals despite their marginal status. This book attempts to present their daily performances in a difficult context and also their own comments and views on being part of a circus in Bangladesh.

The Buggles
Antara Ganguli
Price: Tk. 375.00
Imagine a man whirling out of a Delhi dust-storm, onto the palm of your hand. A man who wants to tell you with a blow of karate. A man the size of your pinky. That's what happens to Anjali on hot summer afternoon when the Buggles visit her and introduce her to their exiled life in the skyless, underground and of Nozrabu, where time sleeps and giant monstrous Boils stamp around, eating anything in their way. Soon Anjali is whisked off to see Nozrabu for herself, excited to be on the great adventure she's always dreamt of.

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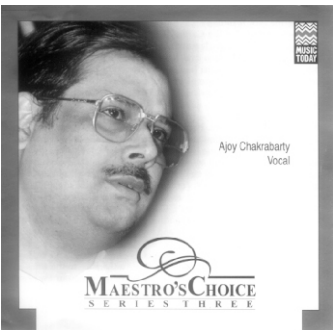


Letters Between a Father and Son
VS Naipaul
Price: Tk. 884.00
What makes the letters between Vidya Naipaul and members of his close-knit family, especially Seepersad, his father, and his sister Kamla, so remarkable ... is their literary beauty, and indeed their literary intent ... what is already clear in these letters is that Naipaul always cared about the bigger things. What is also clear is that he had the literary talent to write about them. All that was still lacking was the books themselves, without which we would never have read these beautiful letters in the first place.



The Vision and Visage of the Chittagong Hill Tracts
Niaz Ahmed Khan
Price: Tk. 300.00
The recent interest and enthusiasm about the Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT) warrant a close understanding and appreciation of the life, livelihoods and visions of the people of the area. Otherwise, the zeal and attention have little prospect of passing beyond the state of rhetoric and of being actually translated into any meaningful development intervention. Generally speaking, our understanding of the people and environment of CHT is superficial and incomplete. In the words of Van Schendel et al. (2000:1): "The region remains hidden behind a curtain of ignorance".

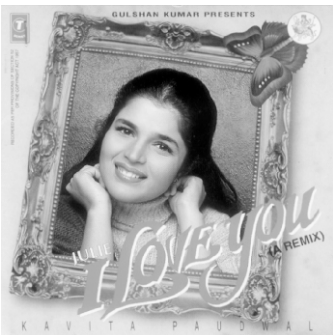
CDs & Cassettes



Maestro's Choice
Classical Vocal by Ajay Chakrabarty
Price: Tk. 450.00



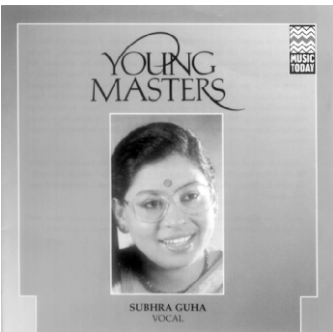
Achho Ki Ageri Moto...
Modern Bangla Songs by Polash, Andrew Kishore & Srajan
Price: Tk. 100.00



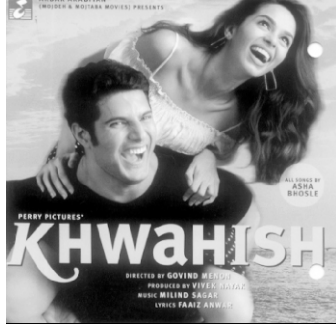
I Love You
Remix by Kavita Paudwal
Price: Tk. 150.00



Tomay Koto Bhalobashi
Modern Bangla Songs by Kumar Shanu
Price: Tk. 150.00



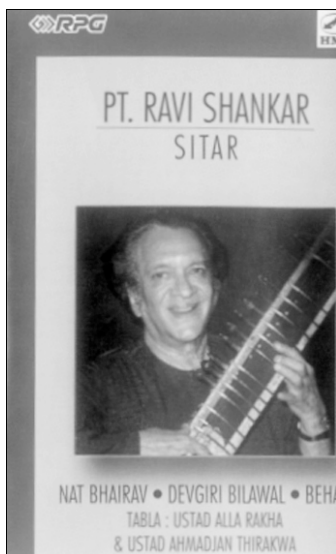
Young Masters
Classical Vocal by Subhra Guha
Price: Tk. 450.00



Khwahish
Hindi Songs by Asha Bhosle and Udit Narayan
Price: Tk. 250.00



Vilayat Khan
Sitar
Price: Tk. 100.00



Pt. Ravi Shankar
Sitar
Price: Tk. 100.00

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Books



Russian Science Fiction Galpo-3
Edited by Hasan Khurshid Rumi
Oitijhya
Price: Tk. 100.00
Russia has been one of the fertile abodes of the literary genre called 'science fiction'. This is the third installment of the series published by Oitijhya under the editorship of Hasan Khurshid. This collection includes 9 stories by some of the famous Russian authors like Igor Rasokhovskiy, Boris Stern, Sergei Drugal, Alexander Belayev, Olga Larionova, Alexander Siletsky and others. The titles include I Shall Come Back All the Same, A Person Is..., Flying Carpet, Creation of Worlds, Wanderers and Travellers etc.