

PICK OF THE WEEK



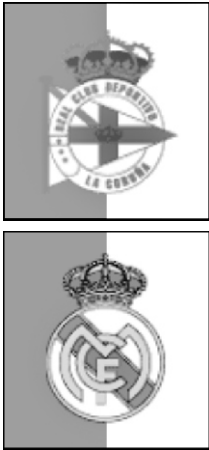
Our Choice

Killing Me Softly (IMDb rating 5.5)

On Star Movies, May 01 at 8:30 pm

Genre: Thriller
Heather Graham, Joseph Fiennes,
Natascha McElhone, Ulrich Thomsen

A London website designer ops out of her comfortable but ordinary relationship with a nice boyfriend when she forms a dangerously obsessive bond with a handsome, mysterious mountaineer, who turns out to have some secrets.



The Sport

Spanish Football League

2003/04

Live from La Coruna, Spain

On ESPN, May 02 at 2:00 am

Deportivo La Coruna

Vs

Real Madrid



The Movie

America's Sweethearts (IMDb rating 5.8)

On HBO, May 01 at 9:30 pm

Genre: Comedy/Romance

Julia Roberts, Billy Crystal, Catherine Zeta-Jones

After they've broken up, a married movie star couple still have to go out and promote the movie they made together while they were in love. When the print of their film doesn't show up, the film's publicist tries to divert attention by concocting the story of the couple's reunion, that everything's still hunky-dory between them....

Satellite TV



Man from Elysian Fields

(IMDb rating 6.8)

On Star Movies, May 06 at 7:00 pm

Genre: Drama

Andy Garcia, Mick Jagger, Julianna Margulies, Olivia Williams

Byron Tiller, happily married with a young child, is a writer whose last novel has ended up in the remainder bins. Down on his luck and struggling to make ends meet, he keeps bashing away, refusing to admit that perhaps he is not that good. One day, at wit's end and feeling sorry for himself, he meets someone who has actually read his book: a rather elegant looking Englishman who introduces himself as Luther Fox. Luther runs an escort agency Elysian Fields, which provides extremely wealthy women with attractive, intelligent dates. Desperate for any job- and Luther guarantees good pay and convinces him that it can be only temporary -Byron reluctantly agrees, keeping the whole thing hidden from his wife. He soon finds himself face-to-face with an extremely attractive woman, whose aging husband is a Pulitzer Prize-winning novelist grappling with a novel that may be his last. Before long, Byron finds himself immersed in a world that he finds almost impossible to believe and even harder to explain.



Jackie Brown

(IMDb rating 7.4)

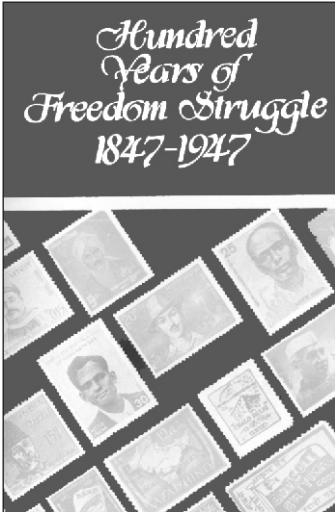
On MGM, April 30 at 9:30 pm

Genre: Crime/Drama/Thriller

Pam Grier, Robert De Niro, Samuel L. Jackson, Bridget Fonda, Michael Keaton

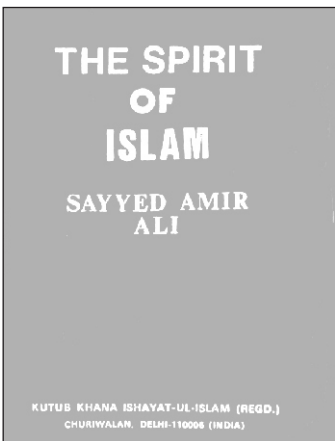
Jackie Brown is the name of a flight attendant who gets caught smuggling her boss' gun money on the airline she works for. Luckily for her, the Fed Ray Nicolet and the LA Cop Mark Dargus decide to team up in order to arrest the arms dealer she works for, whose name they don't even know. Here's when she has to choose one way: tell Nicolet and Dargus about Ordell Robbie (the arms dealer) and get her freedom -except that if Ordell suspects you're talking about him, you're dead- or keep her mouth shut and do some time. That's when she meets Max Cherry -her bail bondsman-, a late fifties, recently separated, burnt-out man, who falls in love with her. Then Jackie comes up with a plan to play the Feds off against Ordell and the guys he works with -Louis Gara and Melanie Ralston, among others- and walk off with their money. But she needs Max's help. No one is going to stand in the way of his million dollar payoff...

Books



Hundred Years of Freedom Struggle: 1847-1947
Edited by Professor Nisith R Roy
Price: Tk. 375.00

Here for the first time has been chronicled an objective study of the different phases of our freedom struggle against British domination. The early outbursts of discontent, sporadic in character, against the misrule of the foreign exploiters, the Great Revolt of 1857, the period of constitutional agitation, the days of direct action by the revolutionary activists, the mass Non-Cooperation, Civil Disobedience and Quit India Movements under Mahatma Gandhi and finally the armed struggle for Seizure of Power conducted from abroad by the I.N.A. under Netaji Subhas have all been pieced together to form a coordinated history of the forces and factors involved in our sustained fight for freedom.



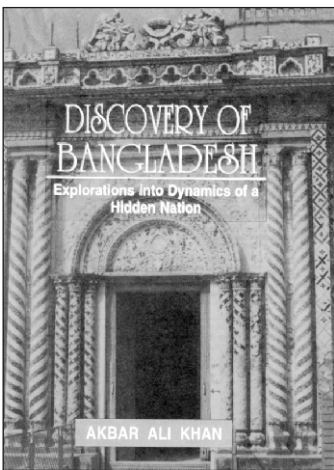
The Spirit of Islam
Sayyed Amir Ali, Price: Tk. 45.00
Within a few centuries after the death of Mohammed in A.D. 632 the Islamic creed had spread across half the world and obtained a permanent and powerful hold over millions of people. In this book the author traces the origins and the history of this religion. He recognizes, almost for the first time in a book in the English language, its extraordinary effects in uplifting humanity and its true place in the history of religions.

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The Lemon Tree
Sitakant Mahapatra
Price: Tk. 250.00

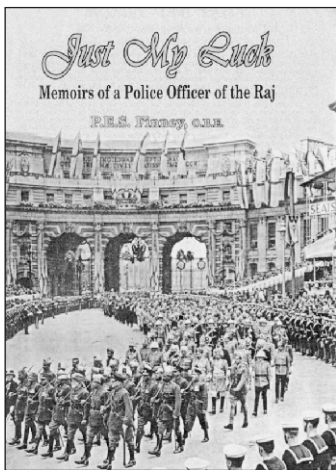
This is a bilingual edition of English and Bengali translations of the leading poet of Orissa, Sitakant Mahapatra. Needless to say, those who love reading poetry and eagerly await every opportunity to read quality poems, will be delighted to come across a book like this one. The English translations in it will satisfy this craving in poetry lovers worldwide. Sitakant Mahapatra was a highly educated Indian poet who had won many laurels. He was also an amiable and modest human being, free of any prejudice. The themes of Sitakant Mahapatra's poems are apparently very ordinary, for example 'The Lemon Tree,' 'Grandfather,' 'Paddy Harvesting,' 'The Vulture,' 'Mother,' 'My Grand Daughter,' 'Destiny,' 'Autumn,' 'The Ruined Temple,' 'The Ballad of the Beggar Boy,' 'The Rock,' 'Grandmother' etc. But these common themes become extraordinary at the touch of the poet's talent. His experiences and his worldview have extracted from his pen many poems of quality that may appear simple but are by no means easy to write.



Discovery of Bangladesh
Explorations into Dynamics of a Hidden Nation
Akbar Ali Khan
Price: Tk. 220.00

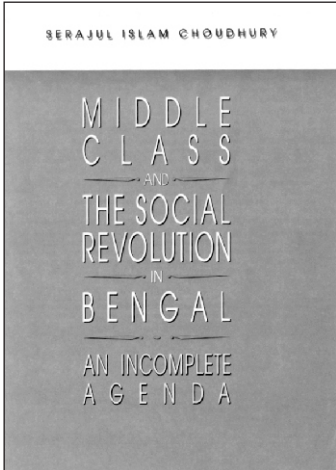
Bangladesh is the last major nation-state to proclaim its identity. Here is a nation that changed its statehood twice in less than twenty-five years. The twists and turns of her recent history baffle the historians. This study explores the historical roots of this apparently enigmatic nation. Methodologically, it breaks new ground in Bangladesh studies in two ways. First, it makes explicit the underlying theories in the historical framework to explain the historical evolution of this hidden nation. Secondly, it explores the micro foundations of social and political institutions in this region.

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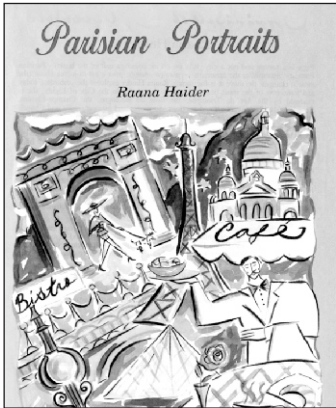
Just My Luck
Memoirs of a Police Officer of the Raj
PES Finney, OBE, Price: Tk. 400.00

The First World War had wrought a revolution in people's ideas of equality and liberty everywhere. In India, the Home Rule agitation had heightened political awareness and ambition across the length and breadth of the country under the British Raj. The Rowlatt Bill (1919), based on the controversial recommendation of the Rowlatt Committee, was enacted to deal with acts of sedition on the lifting of the Defense of India Act after the war. This was the backdrop when Philip Finney joined the Bengal Police in 1924. For 23 years Philip Finney had an interesting and often exciting career in Bengal Police, particularly because it was during a period when India, and Bengal in particular, was in turmoil and in the grip of the terrorist movement.



Middle Class and the Social Revolution in Bengal
An Incomplete Agenda
Serajul Islam Choudhury
Price: Tk. 280.00

Since the middle of the nineteenth century, the need for a social revolution has been felt and talked about by the middle class in Bengal. But, ironically, it was the middle class itself that has hindered the revolution. The state has changed in size and name but not in character, indicating that relationships within society have remained basically as they were before. This book examines the double role of the Bengali middle class. Middle class's participation in politics and achievements in the fields of education, literature and culture have been remarkable. Nevertheless, radical social transformation leading to economic advancement of the masses, liberation of the latent energies of the people and reduction in discrimination and inequality has not been on its agenda, despite public protestations to the contrary.



Parisian Portraits
Raana Haider, Price: Tk. 375.00
Paris is a feeling and not a city. It is *un cri de coeur* (a call of the heart). 'Parisian Portraits' exemplifies the aphorism-*plus ca change, plus c'est la meme chose* (the more it changes, the more it is the same). Raana Haider explores the yesterday, today and tomorrow of the most beautiful city in the world. In the City of Lights, she is charmed by the Arc de Triomphe, the Bois de Boulogne, the Champs-Elysees. However, she also covers art and auctions; *baguettes* and *bistrot*s; *cafes* and *Chanel*: Diana and Duke and Duchess of Windsor; *emigres* and *Egyptomania*; mega-Louvre and mini-museums and the feather in the national cap - the World Cup 1998.

CDs & Cassettes

Tumi Ki Ashibe Na



Nazrul Sangeet by Lina Taposhi Khan

Price: Tk. 100.00 each

The young singer's albums present some popular numbers of the Rebel Poet. The containing 12 songs include *Jani jani priyo*, *Dur ajaner*, *Shawono ratey jodi*, *Jak na nishi*, *Hey Partho sharothi*, *Khelichho e biswa loye*, *Keno ashile bhalobashile*, *Keno prem Jamuna*, *Ambare meghe*, *Priyo emono raat*, *Amar jabar shomoy holo*, *Tumi ki ashibe na* and others. However, the albums have three songs in common. Produced from the same house, the repetition does not go without question.

Khelichho E Biswa Loyer

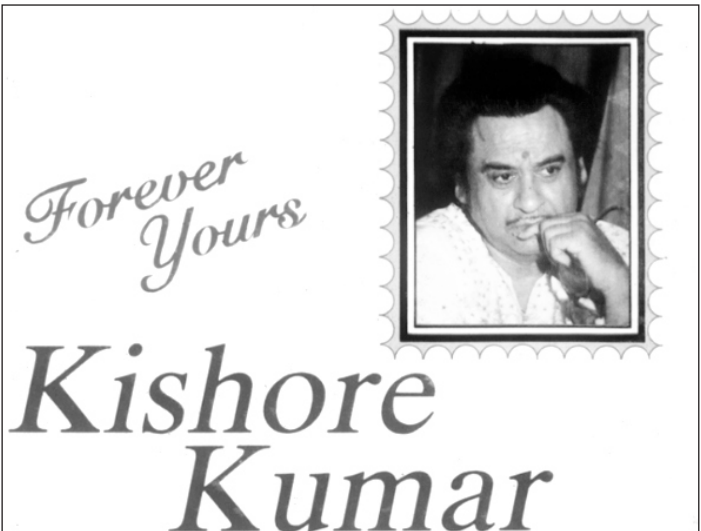


Chayanika
Rupantari-Bhanga Gaan of Rabin dranath Tagore

Set of 4 cassettes

Price: Tk. 300.00

The collection contains the famous songs that the great poet composed on the tunes of Hindi classical songs. The songs include *Ayo fagun borho maan*, *Rum jhum baroshe*, *Shunno haatey phiri*, *Kotha je udhao holo*, *Shukhohin nishidin*, *Ki korli moher chhaloney*, *O amar desher mati*, *Ami kothay pabo larey*, *Amar shonar Bangla*, *Jodi tor daak shuney* and others. The collection also contains Rabin dranath's adaptation of western tunes in songs like *Purano shei din kotha*, *Aha aje Bashonte*, *Kotobaro bhebechhinu* and *Phule phule dhole dhole*. Renowned singers including Subinoy Roy, Suchitra Mitra, Dwijen Mukhopadhyay, Kanika Bandyopadhyay and many others play in the albums.



Forever yours

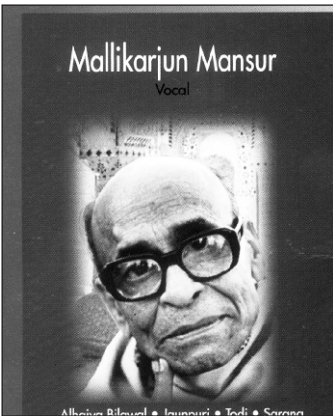
Kishore Kumar, Price: Tk. 300.00

The album contains 12 very popular tracks by the legendary performer that he had sung for different Hindi films. The songs include *Pyar manga hai tumhee se*, *Na koi dil main*, *Kehdo kehdo*, *Aisa kabhi hua nahin*, *Doston ko salaam* and others.



Tara Bhora Ratey

Modern Bangla Songs by Abdul Jabbar
Price: Tk. 80.00



Mallikarjun Mansur

Vocal, Price: Tk. 100.00

This album contains 12 pieces recording of the artiste on 78 r.p.m. discs in the year 1933-34. The artiste's approach steeped in the heady and scholastic traditions of the Drupad based Jaipur-Alladiya Gharana- the complex ragadani, the intricacies of the behalavas and taans, and the unwavering adherence to traditional principles of Sthal Bharna.

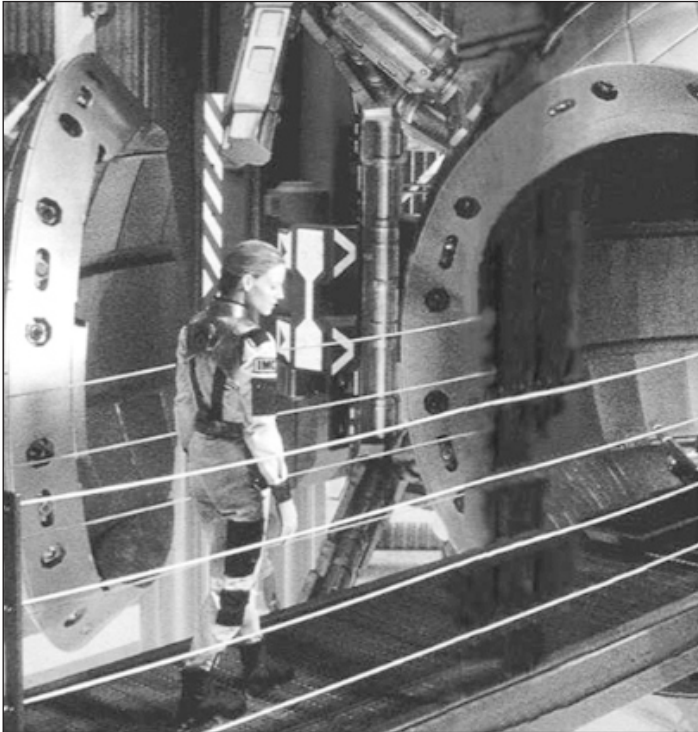
Great Luminaries Vol. 1

Gharana Agra

Price: Tk. 100.00

The classical music from Agra Gharana in this album is performed by Pandit SN Ratanjankar, Ustad Lafat Hussain Khan, Anajaibai Lolekar, Ustad Khadim Hussain Khan and Ustad Vilayat Hussain Khan. Among the ragas are *Yamani Bilawal*, *Basant Mukhari*, *Miyani ki Sarang*, *Suha* etc.

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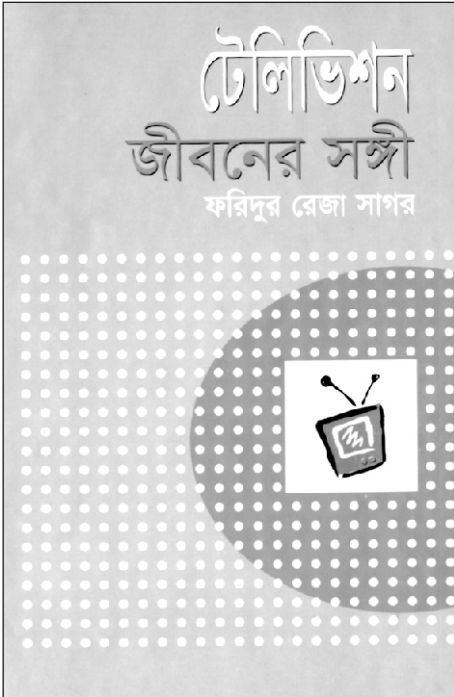
On Star Movies, May 04 at 7:00 pm

Genre: Drama/Sci-Fi/Mystery

Jena Malone, David Morse, Jodie Foster

Based on the novel of the same name by Carl Sagan, it is the story of a free thinking radio astronomer who discovers an intelligent signal broadcast from deep space. She and her fellow scientists are able to decipher the Message and discover detailed instructions for building a mysterious Machine. Will the Machine spell the end of our world, or the end of our superstitions? Will we take our place among the races of the Galaxy, or are we just an upstart species with a long way to go?

Television: Jiboner Shongi

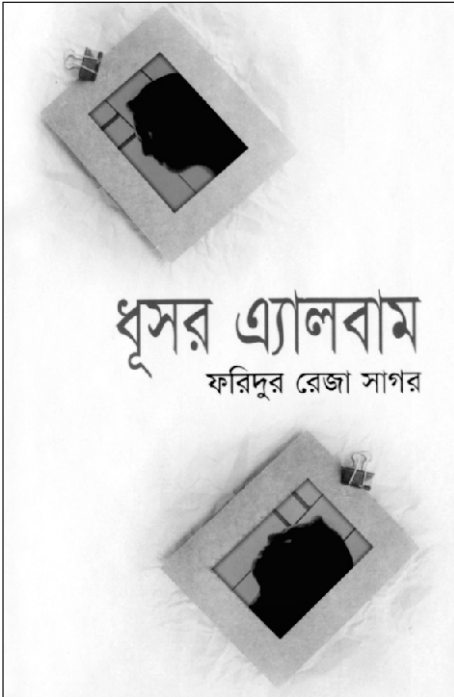


(Television: a Companion to Life)
Somoy Prakashan
Price: Tk. 60.00

Faridur Reza Sagor

Faridur Reza Sagor is known for his connections with the electronic media of the country. The media man has, however, written several books too. Here are three of them. *Television: Jiboner Shongi* elaborates his involvement with Bangladesh Television (BTV) since 1965 till he joined the satellite TV Channel-i. Having almost no

Dhushar Album



(Gray Album)
Anannya
Price: Tk. 50.00

Faridur Reza Sagor

relation with BTV, Sagor still considers it to be *amader television* (our television). The book also touches aspects of his getting into the private TV sector. Obviously a book that accounts for the television history in the country to much extent. *Dhushar Album* is a book of novel. The last title *Mohona O ET* is a storybook for children. Colourful illustrations by Dhrubo Esh are bonus for the picture-loving kids along with the fascinating modern day fairy-tale.

Mohona O ET



(Mohona and ET)
Anannya
Price: Tk. 60.00

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