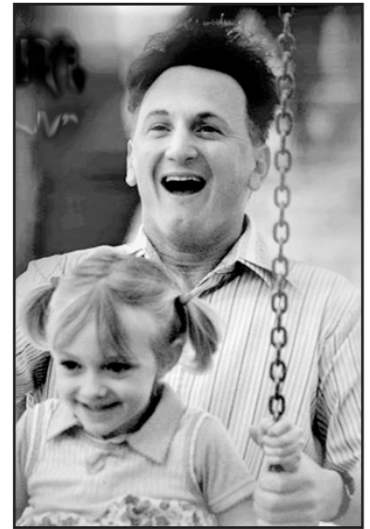


PICK OF THE WEEK



Our Choice

I Am Sam (IMDb rating 7.1)
On HBO, June 26 at 09:30 pm
Genre: Drama
Sean Penn, Michelle Pfeiffer, Dakota Fanning
Sam Dawson has the mental capacity of a 7-year-old. He works at a Starbucks and is obsessed with the Beatles. He has a daughter with a homeless woman; she abandons them as soon as they leave the hospital. He names his daughter Lucy Diamond (after the Beatles song), and raises her. But as she reaches age 7 herself, Sam's limitations start to become a problem at school; she's intentionally holding back to avoid looking smarter than him.



The Sport

European Championship Football
UEFA EURO 2004, Quarterfinals
Live from Lisbon, Portugal
On Star Sports, 12:40 am
Match #1, June 25
Portugal Vs England
Match #2, June 26
France Vs Greece
Match #3, June 27
Sweden Vs Netherlands
Match #4, June 28
Czech Republic Vs Denmark



The Movie

Cherish (IMDb rating 6.5)
On Star Movies, June 28 at 09:10 pm
Genre: Comedy/Drama/Thriller
Brad Hunt, Robin Tunney, Liz Phair
Shy San Franciscan Zoe is a twenty-something love-starved animator who spends countless hours listening to KXCH Cherish radio, losing herself in a syrupy romantic fantasy of '70s and '80s pop songs. Her mushy world is shattered, however, when a policeman is hit and killed in a mysterious car accident; the assailant flees the scene and Zoe is unfairly left facing a vehicular homicide charge.

Satellite TV



Batman Returns (IMDb rating 6.5)
On HBO, June 27 at 08:30 pm
Genre: Thriller/Action/Crime/Fantasy
Michael Keaton, Danny DeVito, Michelle Pfeiffer
Having defeated the Joker, Batman now faces the Penguin - a warped and deformed individual who is intent on being accepted into Gotham society. Crooked businessman Max Schreck is coerced into helping him become Mayor of Gotham and they both attempt to expose Batman in a different light. Earlier however, Selina Kyle, Max's secretary, is thrown from the top of a building and is transformed into Catwoman - a mysterious figure who has the same personality disorder as Batman. Batman must attempt to clear his name, all the time deciding just what must be done with the Catwoman.

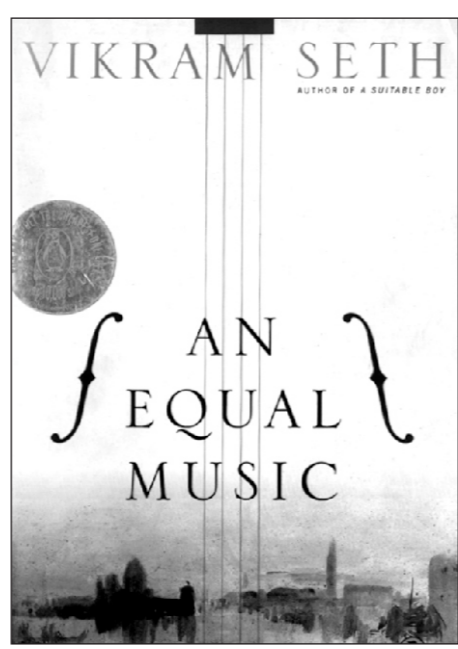


Cinema Secrets III Ep 2: Visions of the Future
On HBO, June 30 at 11:30 pm
This episode looks at A.I., Waterworld and Starship Troopers--films which offer surprisingly different concepts of what the earth might look like in the future. Each segment explores the different special effects that the filmmakers use to bring a world that can only be imagined, into the realm of reality. And though all of the techniques we look at are different, what unites these films is that their effects are all, appropriately, ahead of their times.

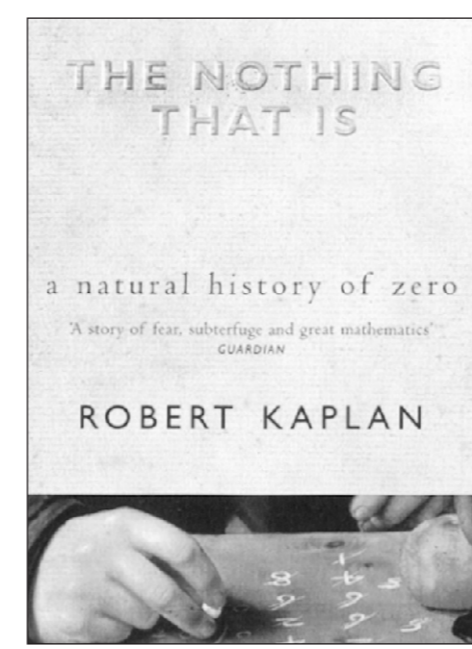


The Color of Money (IMDb rating 6.8)
On Star Movies, June 29 at 09:10 pm
Genre: Drama
Paul Newman, Tom Cruise, Mary Elizabeth Mastrantonio, Helen Shaver
Pool hustler Fast Eddie Felson finds the young, promising pool player Vincent in a local bar and he sees in him a younger version of himself. To try and make it as in the old days, Eddie offers to teach Vincent how to be a hustler. After some hesitations Vincent accepts and Eddie takes him and Vincent's girlfriend Carmen on a tour through the country to work the pool halls. However, Vincent's tendency to show off his talent and by doing so warning off the players and losing money, soon leads to a confrontation with Eddie.

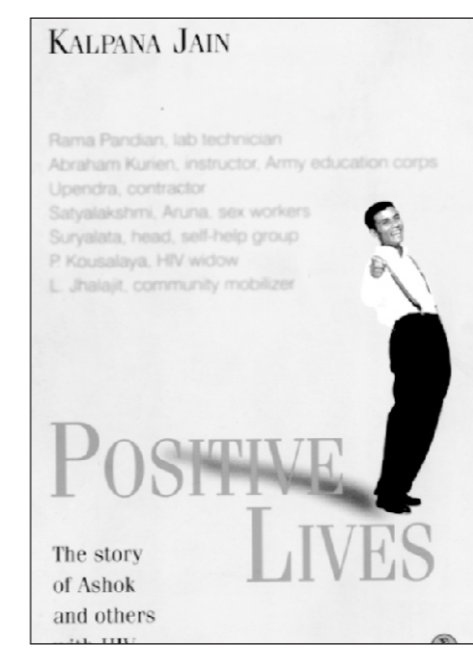
Books



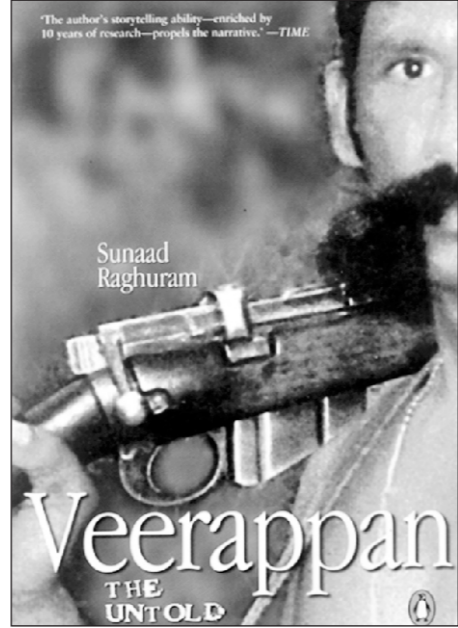
An Equal Music
Vikram Seth
Price: Tk. 675.00
On one level, An Equal Music is a story about love; the love of a woman lost and found and lost again. A chance sighting on a London bus, a letter that should never have been read, a pianist with a secret that touches the heart of her music: from a multiplicity of details, Vikram Seth creates, once again, a living, breathing world that enchants and grips the reader.
This is also a book about music and about how the love of music can run like a passionate theme through a life. Above all, it is a book to savour and re-read.



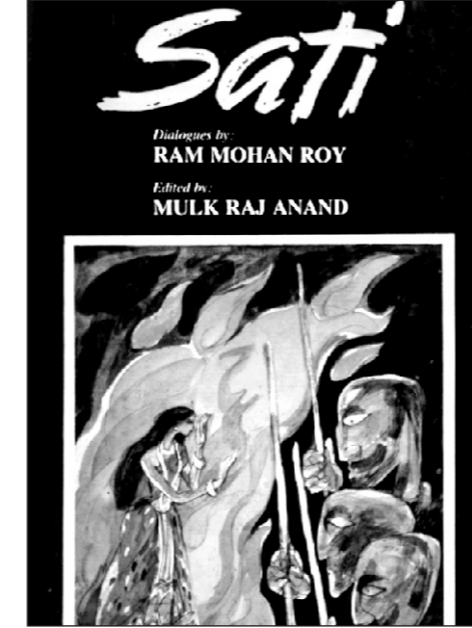
The Nothing That Is
A Natural History of Zero
Robert Kaplan, Price: Tk. 640.00
The 'invention' of zero made arithmetic infinitely easier -- trying to do division in Roman numerals -- and it now forms part of the binary code which powers all our computers. Robert Kaplan traces 'the nothing that is' back to its origins as two wedges pressed into a wet lump of Sumerian clay. He explores the contributions of Greeks, Mayans, Hindus and humanists, and shows how zero opened the door to the strange complexities of irrational, infinitesimal and imaginary numbers. 'If you look at zero', he writes, 'you see nothing; but look through it and you will see the world.'



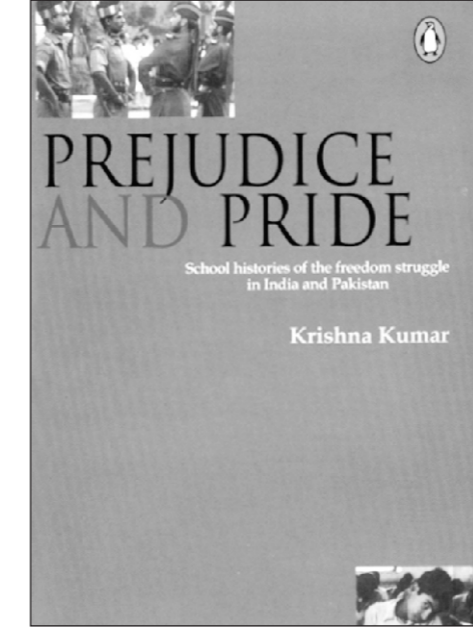
Positive Lives
The story of Ashok and others with HIV
Kalpana Jain, Price: Tk. 425.00
In 1989, Ashok Pillai, a radio operator in the Navy, tested positive for HIV. Thirteen years later, he is among the few courageous men and women who have come 'open,' in order to extend support to those living with HIV and to spread awareness about the virus. It is a difficult battle, and an enormously important one. Today, HIV has assumed epidemic proportions. By 2001, close to 4 million men, women and children all over India, and across all classes, had been infected by it; one person per minute still continues to get the virus.



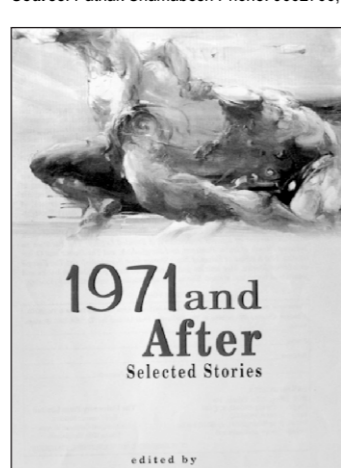
Veerappan
The Untold story
Sunaad Raghuram
Price: Tk. 500.00
Investigative journalist Sunaad Raghuram's meticulously researched biographical account of Veerappan follows his career from small-time poacher to the most wanted man in India. By 1990, Veerappan's gang of sandalwood smugglers and ivory poachers had become such a menace in the forests of Karnataka that the state government constituted a Special Task Force to capture him. Veerappan then turned to an easier way of making money: kidnapping wealthy, influential men for ransom. The police were woefully inept at second-guessing his moves, and even when they had an opportunity to nab him, they were thwarted by lack of political will and rivalry between Tamil Nadu and Karnataka -- Veerappan's area of operation. His accomplices and members of his family, including his wife, have been arrested, tortured and sometimes killed in encounters; rewards have been announced for any information that could lead to his capture; and almost all means of persuasion have been tried, but Veerappan continues to elude the law.



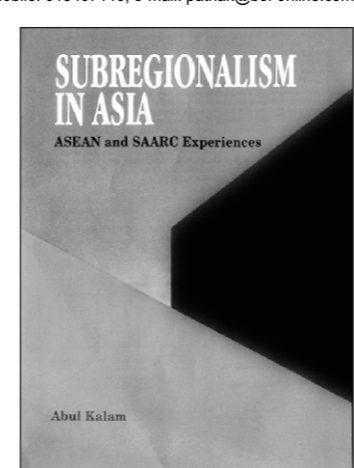
Sati
Edited by Mulk Raj Anand
Price: Tk. 800.00
This publication of Ram Mohan Roy's two conversations and other appendices is by way of a reminder to the contemporary intelligentsia that, in spite of the law forbidding Sati, the barbarous rite is still being practised, overtly or covertly, and being glorified by some of the ignorant folk in the name of tradition, backed by the chauvinist Hindu fundamentalist, thus degrading the lofty cosmic idealism of India's 'perennial philosophy'. Ours is still dominantly a man's world, where a woman is enslaved, behind cover of Vedic rites, often sold in marriage with dowry, unable to remarry if widowed, despised for bringing forth female children, victim of paternal pride, a part of humanity's oppressed half, in a country in which the constitution has adopted universal human rights for men and women. Ram Mohan Roy, the first precursor of India's resurgence from the 'filth of Hindum' to some purity of feeling and thought in early 19th century, is said to have written his two dialogues, between a protagonist and an antagonist Sati, from the compulsion of the shrieking out from the pyre of his sister-in-law when the flames touched her, but who was forced down by the devout with bamboo poles.



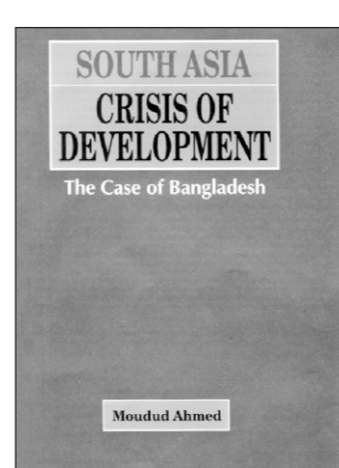
Prejudice and pride
School Histories of the freedom struggle in India and Pakistan
Krishna Kumar
Price: Tk. 425.00
Though India and Pakistan have a common past, the story of the freedom struggle is recounted in their school textbooks in vastly differing ways. In Prejudice and Pride, Krishna Kumar explains how the history texts of both countries selectively narrate their histories for various ideological and cultural reasons. To show how widely the two perceptions vary, the author compares the textbook currently used in Indian and Pakistani schools. He examines the representation of major episodes -- like the 1875 rebellion, Independence and Partition -- and the portrayal of personalities like Gandhi, Jinnah and Iqbal. The author also analyses essays written on Partition by India and Pakistani schoolchildren. Not blighted by stock responses, the essays, vibrant and spontaneous, touch on diverse topics like Kashmir, the futility of war and cricket. By focusing on education and the young, Prejudice and Pride holds out hope of reconciliation between India and Pakistan. Original, objective and full of surprising insights, the books will appeal to academicians and laymen alike.



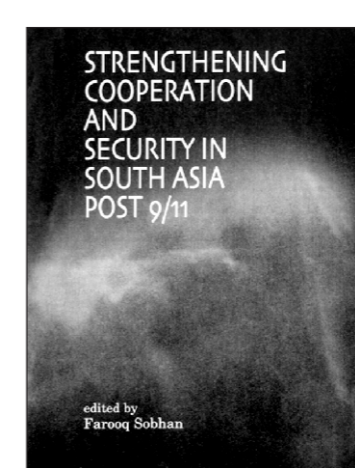
1971 and After
Selected Stories
Edited by Niaz Zaman
Price: Tk. 350.00
The twenty-four stories in 1971 and After are a representative fraction of the numerous short stories written about the War of Liberation and its aftermath. They include stories by well known writers such as Akhtaruzzaman Elias, Alauddin Al Azad, Hasan Azzul Huq, Humayun Ahmed, Makbula Manzoor, and Nasreen Jahan as well as by a number of less well known writers.



Subregionalism in Asia
ASEAN and SAARC Experiences
Abul Kalam, Price: Tk. 400.00
The book presents a three-part study of the new geo-economic model of growth in Asia, namely, subregional cooperation. Part I deals with ASEAN Growth Triangle, with the hindsight of similar efforts in southern China. Conceptually, it views ASEAN's model for subregional growth as modified structuralism that is supported by appropriate vision and followed by serious efforts to make operational a blueprint of action towards cooperative security/interdependent development.



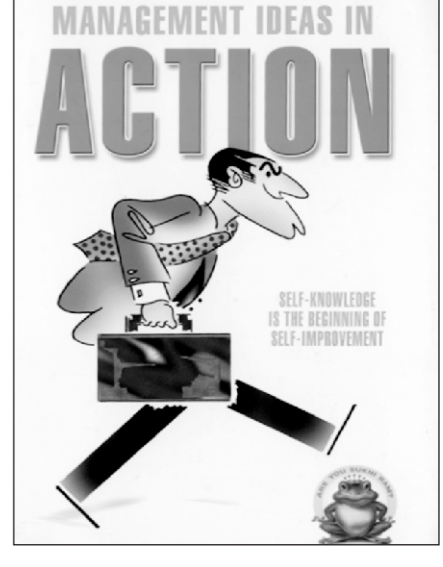
South Asia: Crisis of Development
The Case of Bangladesh
Moudud Ahmed
Price: Tk. 400.00
Fifty years of independence has not provided the degree of economic growth, social enlightenment or political stability that had been the hope and aspiration of more than a billion people who live in South Asia. Moudud Ahmed has attempted to explain some of the reasons why the countries of South Asia and in particular India have not measured up to their potential.



Strengthening Cooperation and Security in South Asia
POST 9/11
Edited by Ferooz Sobhan
Price: Tk. 450.00
The terrorist attack at the heart of American on 11 September 2001 has had a profound impact on the course of world events. 9/11 called for fresh thinking on devising a new strategy on security and cooperation among nations. There is a call from both governments as well as civil society for cooperative security, since no nation wishes to be the hostage to its nonstate actors.

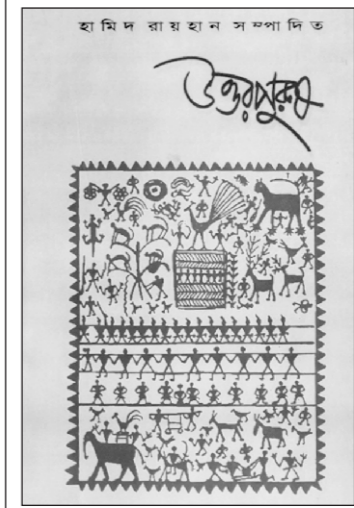
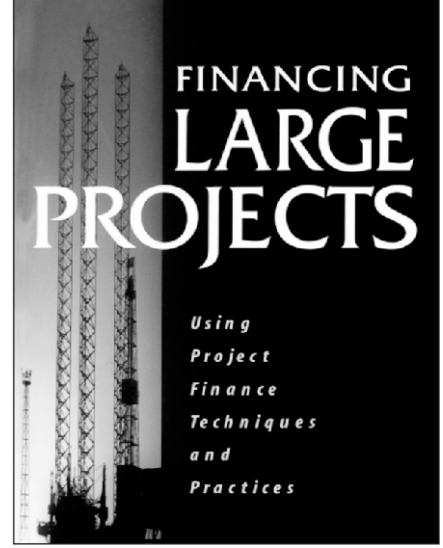
Management Ideas in Action

Promod Batra, Vijay Batra & Deepak Mahendru
Price: Tk. 600.00
Management is think, ask, do. Management is doing small, small things greatly. Management is doing things your way, since more often than not you do not get a job manual!
Are you the 6" Blind Man? Life is funny, very funny! You buy a Colour TV, and you get a manual and good service afterwards. But it is not so when we are born, get a job, get married, become a father or mother, a grandfather or a grandmother. So each one of us muddles through life. When I reflect on my past, the six blind men and the elephant story come up on my mental screen. Here is a suggestion, for whatever it's worth, make your own manual!
For your own job manual. Start with this book. Add on to it. Small, small ideas. From every place and everywhere. This way you will become the missing 6" blind man who will rise above to see a "helicopter view" of the job.

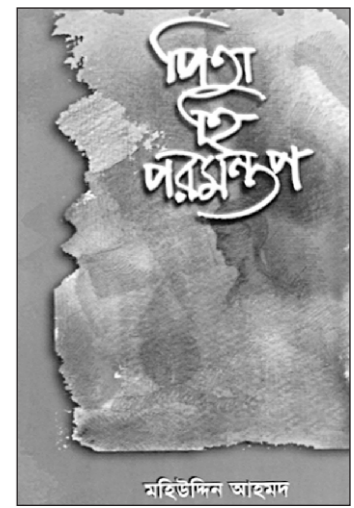


Financing Large Projects

Using Project Finance Techniques & Practices
M Fouzul Kabir Khan & Robert J Parra
Price: Tk. 1500.00
Project Finance is a technique employed for the purpose of mobilizing capital for very large start-up projects, or greenfields, based on the cash flow merits of the project, usually with little or no external support provided by parent companies in the form of guarantees. Financing Large Projects is the most comprehensive book written on the art of Project Finance, addressing the financial, technical, legal and environmental aspects of financing complex projects. In explaining the principles involved, the authors have followed the project development cycle illustrating how projects are evolved from inception, usually through international competitive bidding, to financial closure when all debt and equity needed to construct and operate the project have been mobilized. The book is particularly thorough in explaining the criteria used by bankers and lawyers to distinguish projects that are bank-able from those that are not. This is a must-have book for the students of finance and law, as well as the would-be banker. It is also a handy reference source for continuing education professionals.



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Written and directed by Humayun Ahmed
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