

PICK
OF THE
WEEK

Our Choice

Rush Hour 2 (IMDb rating 6.5)

On HBO, July 11 at 08:00 pm

Genre: Action/Comedy/Thriller

Jackie Chan, Chris Tucker

It's vacation time for Det. James Carter and he finds himself alongside Det. Lee in Hong Kong wishing for more excitement. While Carter wants to party and meet the ladies, Lee is out to track down a Triad gang lord who may be responsible for killing two men at the American Embassy.



The Sport

Copa America Peru 2004

Live from Piura, Peru

On Ten Sports, July 14 at 06:30 am

Argentina

Vs

Uruguay



The Movie

Bull Durham (IMDb rating 7.2)

On Star Movies, July 12 at 09:15 pm

Genre: Comedy/Drama/Romance

Kevin Costner, Susan Sarandon, Tim Robbins

Veteran minor-league catcher Crash Davis is brought up from another team and assigned to the Class A Durham Bulls to mature the team's young star rookie, wild pitcher 'Nuke' LaLoosh. Both of them become involved with Annie Savoy, the Team groupie with her own perspective on the game. A comic romances both players, creating a ann triangle.

Satellite TV



Not Another Teen Movie (IMDb rating 5.2)

On HBO, July 10 at 09:30 pm

Genre: Comedy

Chylér Leigh, Chris Evans, Jaime Pressly, Eric Christian Olsen, Mia Kirshner, Deon Richmond, Eric Jungmann, Ron Lester, Cody McMains, Sam Huntington, Joanna Garcia, Lacey Chabert, Samm Levine, Cerina Vincent, Beverly Polyn

At John Hughes High School, the students are the same as just about every other teenager in a teen movie. The popular jock, Jake, takes a bet from Austin, the cocky blonde guy, that he can transform Janey, the pretty ugly girl, into the prom queen before the prom. But two people are trying to stop Jake from succeeding: his evil sister, Catherine, the cruellest girl in school, and Priscilla, the bitchy cheerleader. And all of their friends are the same as any other teen movie: Areola, the naked foreign exchange student, Les, the beautiful weirdo, Malik, the token black guy, the desperate virgins, Amanda Becker, the perfect girl, Ricky, Janey's obsessed best friend, and Sadie, the VERY old undercover reporter.



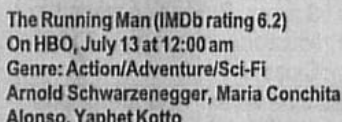
Backdraft (IMDb rating 6.6)

On HBO, July 12 at 12:00 am

Genre: Action/Drama/Mystery/Thriller

Kurt Russell, William Baldwin, Robert De Niro, Donald Sutherland

As a child Brian McCafferty watched his firefighter father die. Years later he joins his brother, Steven in the force by becoming a rookie firefighter. There is a history of conflict between the two brothers that is heated up by working together. With this background, a series of suspicious fires are set, each made to kill a specific person. After becoming frightened at a fire, Brian pulls strings to get into an investigative office and finds that he is now not putting out the arsonist's fires, but trying to track him down.



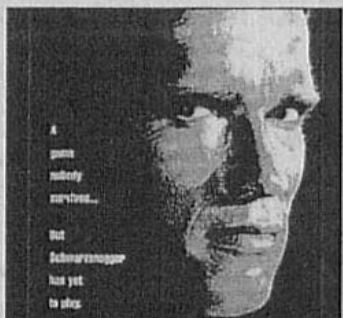
The Running Man (IMDb rating 6.2)

On HBO, July 13 at 12:00 am

Genre: Action/Adventure/Sci-Fi

Arnold Schwarzenegger, Maria Conchita Alonso, Yaphet Kotto

A parody within an action thriller. Arnold Schwarzenegger plays an innocent man who is sentenced to the Running Man game show, a futuristic audience participation capital punishment television show. While running from champions with Chain saws and sharpened hockey sticks, the host is busy with calls to the network about ratings.



The Banger Sisters

(IMDb rating 5.7)

On Star Movies, July 11

at 10:45 pm

Genre: Comedy/Drama

Goldie Hawn, Susan

Sarandon, Geoffrey Rush,

Erika Christensen

When fifty-something Suzette

loses her job as a bartender

she decides to make a road trip

to visit her old friend Vinnie who

she hasn't seen since their

days as groupies back in the day. On the way she meets Harry, a nervous writer who says he is going home to confront his father, then shows her his gun. Once they reach their destination Suzette finds that Vinnie is now Lavinia, a conservative housewife who is reluctant to re-experience the flower power of her youth, and Harry finds confrontation with himself rather than with his father.



Life (IMDb rating 5.7)

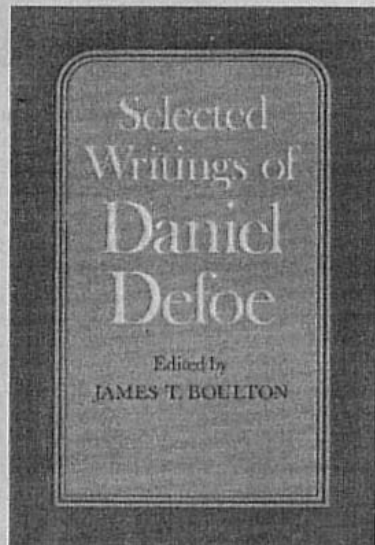
On Star Movies, July 10 at 10:15 pm

Genre: Comedy/Drama

Eddie Murphy, Martin Lawrence, Obba Babatundé, Nick Cassavetes

Ray Gibson has just contacted his way into a night club; when he secretly watches his evening's first victim—the ingenious Claude Banks, who is an ambitious bank teller and part-time gambler. Claude then gets out for one night with his girl and is very aware that Ray has singled him out. After raising Claude's wallet, Ray feels so trusting that he has robbed enough money to pay off goods and services owed to Spanky. Deplorably for Ray and Claude, the job is the beginning of a succession of social gatherings which will modify the movement of their lives. Then they start being held up in prison for the various criminal activities.

Books



Selected Writings of Daniel Defoe

Edited by James T Boulton

Price: Tk 600.00

Paradoxically Defoe is diminished by his popularity as the author of a handful of important novels, since the remainder of his voluminous writings suffer undue neglect. Fully to understand him he should be taken whole but his authorship of over 500 publications — the Review, which normally appeared thrice weekly for over nine years, counting as one — renders this feat wellnigh impossible. The purpose of this selection, then, is to enable the reader to make or renew the acquaintance of Defoe on some of his favourite topics such as trade and politics, manners and morality, in poetry as well as in prose, and in works like A True Relation of the Apparition of One Mrs Veal and Memoirs of a Cavalier which are characteristic blends of fact and fiction. Equipped with the insights possible from this sample, the reader — it is hoped — will return to the major novels with a keener appreciation of their distinctive quality and a livelier sense of their author and his defiant adherence to 'Reason', 'Nature', and 'Experience'. Both as man and novelist Defoe has received a great deal of critical attention over the last 40 years. He language and rhetoric have, however, been relatively disregarded; for this reason the introductory essay is devoted to these aspects of his achievement.

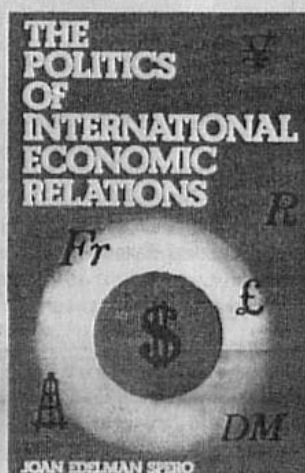
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The Politics of International Economic Relations

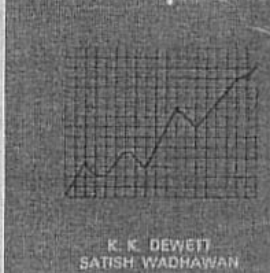
Joan Edelman Spero

Price: Tk 400.00

Powerful new forces have combined to hasten the decline of the old international economic order; it is now the politics of economic relations which hold the centre of the stage in international affairs. In this new textbook for undergraduates embarking on the study of international political economy, Dr Spero seeks to trace these developments from a theoretical perspective that integrates the study of international relations, with its traditional emphasis on security politics, and the operation of the international economy. Dr Spero develops her study through the examination of the role and structure of political management in international economic affairs since the Second World War: how economic policy outcomes are determined by the political process and become political outcomes; and how political objectives can play a predominate role determining economic policy. In particular, *The Politics of International Economic Relations* focuses on such broad and complex questions as the dependent North South system of relations; Third World demand for a 'New International Economic Order'; the emergence of OPEC and the power of the primary-producer over the consumer; the extension of international business and the role of the multinational company; the changing nature of East-West economic relations in a period of détente and the effect of increased economic competition and interdependence between the United States, Western Europe and Japan.



Economics of Growth and Development



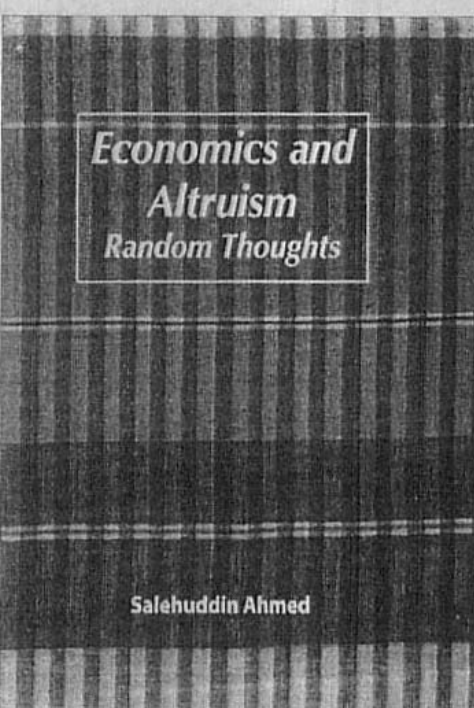
Economics of Growth and Development

KK Dewett & Satish Wadhawan

Price: Tk 300.00

In recent years various Indian Universities have made a significant and welcome change in the teaching of Economics in the country by introducing a new paper on Economics of Growth and Development both at their post-graduate and under-graduate levels. This is in conformity with the trend in the science of economics in which a separate subject dealing with the problem of growth and development confronting both the developed and developing countries have been developed in recent years. The knowledge of the economics of growth and development on the part of the students is very essential to understand the problems of planned development of the economy. Since the syllabi of the papers on Economics of growth and development cover entirely new and unfamiliar ground, students are finding it difficult to obtain a comprehensive and critical analysis of the various theories and models of growth and development. Some books which have already been brought out on the subject are merely descriptive and do not offer critical explanation of the various topics. The present volume is an humble attempt to explain and critically evaluate the various theories, models, patterns and strategies of growth. Every effort has been made to present the subject matter in a simple, lucid and easily-intelligible manner.

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Economics and Altruism

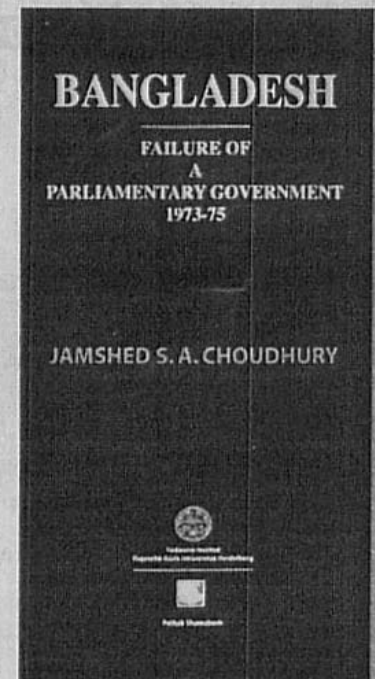
Random Thoughts

Salehuddin Ahmed, Price:

Tk 465.00

Bertrand Russell once wrote in *The Modern World*, "economics and war are the main motives for social cohesion." War now has taken an overwhelming role in the present day world. Economics of simple "profit making" and "rent seeking" has also not made our lives more decent and peaceful. Therefore, what we need is economic actions mediated by moral values and ethical considerations to make this world more cohesive and peaceful. Articles and papers included in this volume consist of a wide array of subjects like the social roles of professionals, ethical issues on inequality, poverty alleviation, local governance, role of NGOs, fiscal policies, microcredit and management of development. It is altruism which provides the common thread connecting the essays and the issues discussed in this book.

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actively and constructively criticising as well as helping run the country. Dr. Jamshed Sanyal Ahmed Choudhury has attempted to explain the main reasons of the failure of the parliamentary government in post-liberation Bangladesh, 1973-75. The author concludes that the reasons of this failure can be attributed mainly to: a sustained interference by the then political leadership in the functioning of a democratic system; weak institutional framework; absence of essential socio-economic and political infrastructure and above all scant regards shown by the founding leadership towards the very system.



Transform Your Life with Reiki

Anil Bhattacharya

Price: Tk 425.00

Reiki is an ancient Japanese hands-on healing system of remarkable ease and efficacy. Working from the idea that 'all human problems and diseases result from the illusion of separateness', Reiki re-establishes our lost connection with the oneness around us. In this exhaustive handbook, Reiki master Anil Bhattacharya explains how to get started, how your first sessions will feel, how each hand position works, how to apply different hand positions to different ailments and how to integrate Reiki with your diet and allopathic medical treatments.

Having come to Reiki as a sceptic himself, the author carefully dissolves every misgiving and misconception that might keep you from entering this life-changing world. Never even heard of Reiki? We normally do not attract anything into our lives,' says Bhattacharya, 'till we are prepared for it and feel a need for it.'



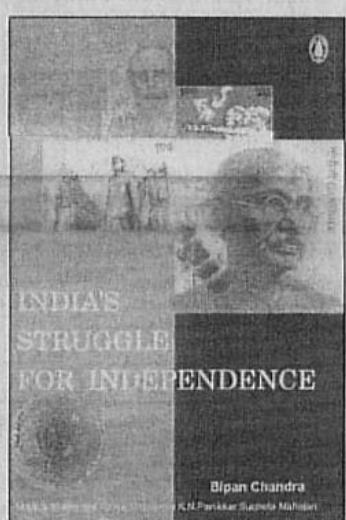
The story of Noble Rot

Uzma Aslam Khan

Price: Tk 340.00

'The sweet taste of the wine comes from the muscadelle grape, and the greyish mould that it attracts. The mould is lovingly called pourriture noble, noble rot.' It is the careless abandon of a wine-satiated afternoon that first brings together the imperious Mrs Masood and the humble carpenter's wife, Malik. As she observes the wealthy woman whose family is responsible for all her troubles, a plan takes shape in Malik's mind to recover the money Mrs Masood owes her husband, and rescue her son from slow death in Mr Masood's carpet factory.

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India's Struggle for Independence

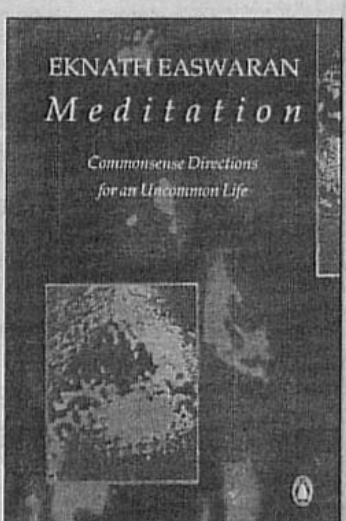
Bipan Chandra, Mridula Mukherjee,

Aditya Mukherjee, KN Panikkar

& Sucheta Mahajan

Price: Tk 425.00

India's struggle for independence has been studied before but this is the first major study to examine every one of the varied strands of the epic struggle individually and collectively and present it in a new and coherent narrative and analytical framework. Basing themselves on oral (the authors interviewed several hundred freedom fighters to gather material for the book) and other primary sources and years of research, the authors take the reader through every step of the independence struggle from the abortive Revolt of 1857 to the final victory of 1947. More important while incorporating existing historiographical advances, the book evolves a new and lucid view of the history of the period which will endure.



Meditation

Commonsense Directions for an Uncommon Life

Eknath Easwaran

Price: Tk 340.00

In his clear, easy-to-follow guide to meditation, Eknath Easwaran outlines the many spiritual and physical benefits to be reaped from the discipline. He asserts that, by mastering the eight points in his plan, we can liberate ourselves from harmful emotions, compulsions, stresses and cravings that can block our creative energy. To banish these destructive patterns, we can train our minds not to be angry or depressed and learn instead to divert our power into discovery of the self and the outside world.

CDs & Cassettes



Chayanika Vol. 2

Rabindra Sangeet by

Hemanta Mukhopadhyay

Price: Tk. 250.00

The maestro is as popular a Rabindra Sangeet artiste as one of modern Bangla songs. This classic collection of 24 songs will surely appease the Rabindra Sangeet lovers' hearts as well as that of Hemanta's fans. The songs include Ogo nodi apone bege, Money robye kina robye amarey, Gramchhara oi ranga matir poth, Amar mon maneyna, Keno jamini na jete jagaleyna, Tui phele eshechhish karay and many more popular tunes.

Sudurer Piyashi

Rabindra Sangeet by

Hemanta

Mukhopadhyay

Price: Tk. 250.00

Here is another great

collection of Rabindra

Sangeet sung by

Hemanta

Mukhopadhyay. A few

of the 20 tracks are

Badal diner prothom

kadam phul, Diya genu

basanter ei gaankhani,

Ami tomar shangey

bendhechi amar

pran, Dinguli mor

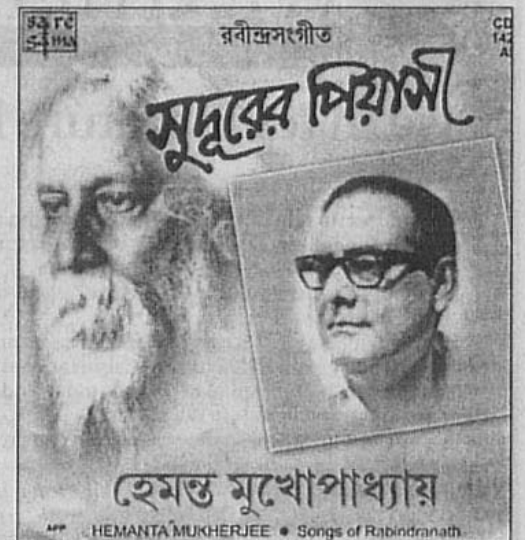
shonar khanchay,

Jakhon tumi

bandhchhiley laar and

Tomar amar ei biroher

antorelay.



Udashi Benu Bajey

Nazrul Sangeet by Nasrin Jahan

Price: Tk. 100.00

The album contains 12 melodious songs of the Rebel Poet. The songs are Nohi bideshini, Shei mitha surey, Ranga hangsho, Jhiler jhinuk, Keno batayoney, Udashi benu and others.



Yaadgaar Thumriyan

Classical vocal

Price: Tk 450.00

Source: Gaan-er Dali, Yakub Super Market 2/B Elephant Road Dhaka (Ph: 9671520)



Chhutir Diney

Cartoon

Made in the country, the first ever complete cartoon film is surely a bold attempt in the field of animation. A mix of 2-D and 3-D, the film contains some real good animations and songs as well. Telling stories of bravery and intelligence, the film is an inspirational one. However, the themes and the animations seem a little mismatched. The stories are well enough for a little grown-up children, while the animations are appropriate for mere toddlers. The makers should have been aware of this.



Ekbar Pailey

Joraiya

Dhortam

Folk Songs by Shahnaaj Belli

Kolotan Audio-Vision

69/B Pantho Poth, 4th Floor