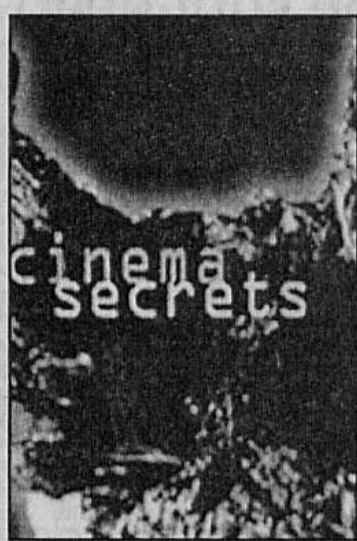


PICK OF THE WEEK



Our Choice

Cinema Secrets III Ep 7
Oscar Winning FX
 On HBO, July 28 at 11:30 pm
 It was a daunting task - to accurately resurrect dinosaurs for the big screen. But when Jurassic Park was finally released back in 1993, the film left audiences in awe and won numerous Oscars for its special effects. Just what did it take to turn this myth of prehistoric times into on-screen magic. This special also sheds some light on the ingenious alien creatures featured in Barry Sonnenfeld's *The Men In Black*.



The Sport

IndianOil Asia Cup 2004
Phase Two Matches
 Live from Colombo, Sri Lanka
 On ESPN & Star Sports
 July 23 at 02:45 pm
Sri Lanka Vs Bangladesh
 July 25 at 02:45 pm
India Vs Pakistan
 July 27 at 02:45 pm
Sri Lanka Vs India
 July 29 at 02:45 pm
Pakistan Vs Bangladesh



The Movie

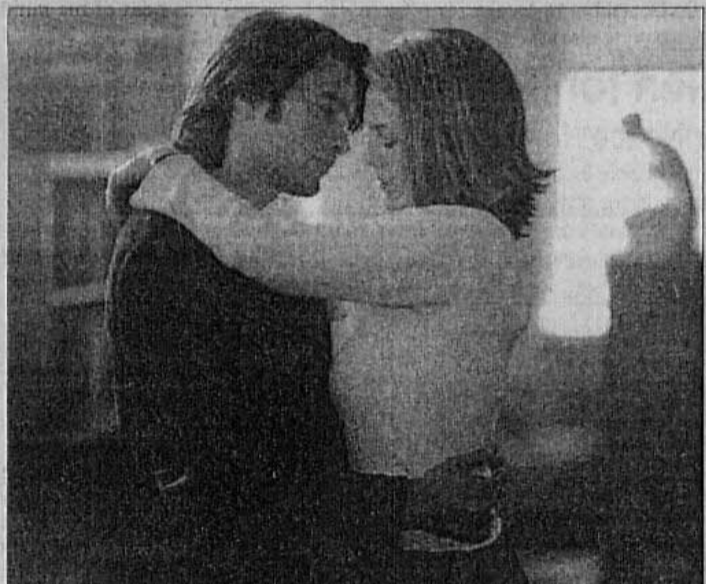
The Joy Luck Club (IMDb rating 7.3)
 On Star Movies, July 27 at 08:40 pm
 Genre: Drama
 Kieu Chinh, Tsai Chin, France Nuyen, Lisa Lu
 Through a series of flashbacks, four young Chinese women born in America and their respective mothers born in feudal China, explore their past. This search will help them understand their difficult mother/daughter relationship.

Satellite TV



Blind Fury (IMDb rating 5.6)
 On HBO, July 26 at 11:30 pm
 Genre: Action
 Rutger Hauer, Terry O'Quinn, Brandon Call, Lisa Blount
 Nick Parker was a Vietnam vet who got blinded during the war. He would be found by one of the local tribes. They would teach him how to handle a sword. He would eventually become quite good with it. He would then return to the States and would visit an old Army buddy. When he gets there, he discovers that he and his wife are divorced. What they don't know is that he (his friend) was playing in a crooked casino in Vegas, and accumulated a large debt. The owner's willing to forget his debt, if he does something for him. His friend is a chemist and they want him to make some designer drugs, and in order to make sure he does it they try and kidnap his son. But lucky Nick is there, Nick saves his son but not his wife.

Final Analysis (IMDb rating 5.5)
 On HBO, July 25 at 08:30 pm
 Genre: Drama/Romance/Thriller
 Richard Gere, Kim Basinger, Uma Thurman
 A psychiatrist has an affair with his patient's sister who is married to a Greek mobster. The mobster is a tyrant over his wife. The psychiatrist wants her to get a divorce, but she is afraid of what her husband would do. She has a medical condition that becomes apparent when she drinks. One night she drinks anyway and attacks her husband. The psychiatrist uses his professional pull to try and help her out of the consequences of her actions, but becomes uncertain if she is telling him the truth.



Unfaithful (IMDb rating 6.6)
 On Star Movies, July 28 at 10:15 pm
 Genre: Drama/Thriller
 Diane Lane, Erik Per Sullivan, Richard Gere, Myra Lucretia Taylor
 Connie Sumner has a loving husband, a beautiful home, and a wonderful son, but she wants more. When she's approached one day by a handsome stranger while trying to hail a taxi, she becomes obsessed with him and eventually starts an affair. But her selfish actions soon catch up with her...

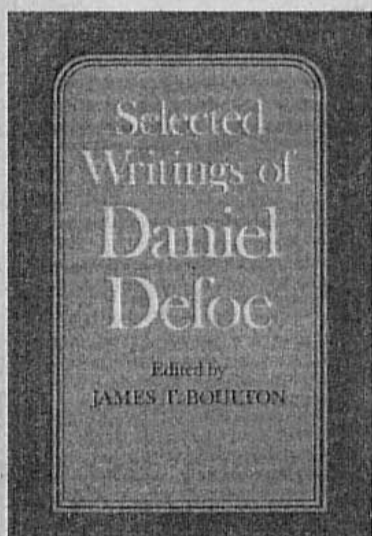


The Jewel of the Nile (IMDb rating 5.7)
 On Star Movies, July 24 at 11:00 pm
 Genre: Action/Adventure/Comedy/Romance
 Michael Douglas, Kathleen Turner, Danny DeVito
 This is the sequel to *Romancing the Stone* where Jack and Joan have their yacht and easy life, but are gradually getting bored with each other and this way of life. Joan accepts an invitation to go to some middle eastern country as a guest of the Sheikh, but there she is abducted and finds her self involved with the 'jewel'. Jack decides to rescue her with his new partner Raiph. They all go from one adventure to another... What is the story of this 'jewel'?

CQ (IMDb rating 6.4)
 On Star Movies, July 26 at 10:30 pm
 Genre: Drama
 Jeremy Davies, Angela Lindvall, Élodie Bouchez, Gérard Depardieu
 Paris, 1969. The filming of a sci-fi movie set in the distant year 2000 is in trouble. The director's obsession with the actress who plays the sexy secret agent Dragonfly has clouded his judgement and the film has no ending. A young American, in Paris to document his life on film with total honesty, is brought in to finish the movie with a bang. This proves to be difficult when the line between his fantasy life and reality becomes blurred, and he finds himself seduced by the charms of Dragonfly.

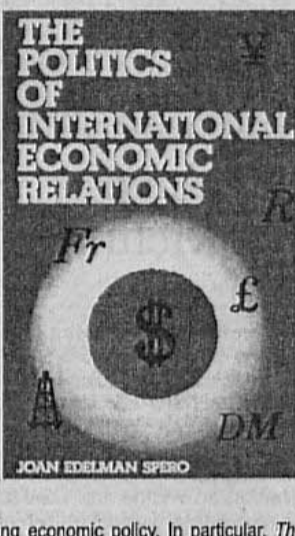


Books



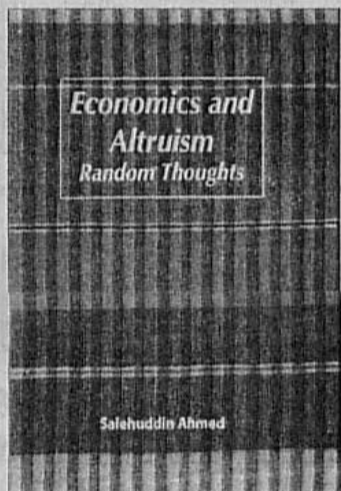
Selected Writings of Daniel Defoe
 Edited by James T Boulton
 Price: Tk 600.00
 Paradoxically Defoe is diminished by his popularity as the author of a handful of important novels, since the remainder of his voluminous writings suffer undue neglect. Fully to understand him he should be taken whole but his authorship of over 500 publications - the *Review*, which normally appeared three weekly for over nine years, counting as one - renders this feat well-nigh 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

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 predominant 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 detente and the effect of increased economic competition and interdependence between the United States, Western Europe and Japan.

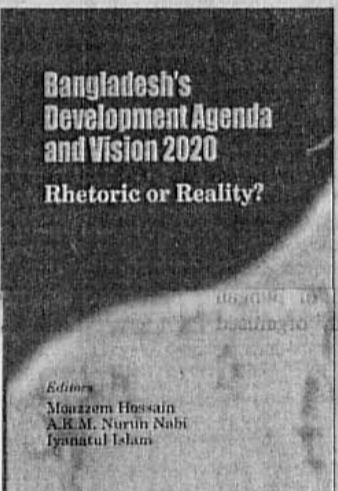


is hoped - will return to the major novels with a keener appreciation of their distinctive quality and a livelier sense of their author and his defiant adherence to 'Reason', 'Nature', and 'Experience'. Both as man and novelist Defoe has received a great deal of critical attention over the last 40 years. His language and rhetoric have, however, been relatively disregarded; for this reason the introductory essay is devoted to these aspects of his achievement.

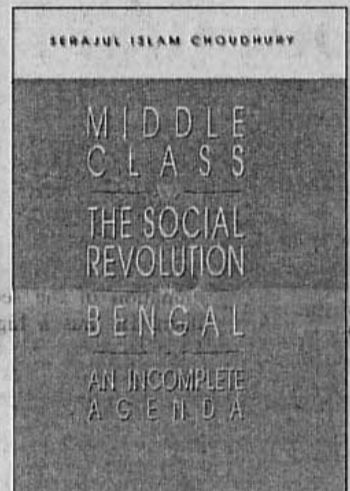
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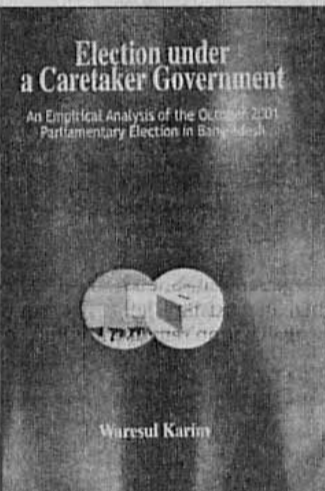
Economics and Altruism
Random Thoughts
 Salehuddin Ahmed, Price: Tk 465.00
 Bertrand Russell once wrote in *The Modern World*, "economics and war are the main motives for social cohesion." War now has taken an overwhelming role in the present day world. Economics of simple "profit making" and "rent seeking" 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.



Bangladesh's Development Agenda and Vision 2020
Rhetoric or Reality?
 Edited by Moazzem Hossain et al
 Price: Tk 500.00
 Bangladesh's 30th year of independence was celebrated in 2001. For, at least half of this period the military-turned-civil politicians have ruled the nation. Since 1991, however, democratically elected governments have been in place. The government of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina was elected in 1996 and her term ended in June 2001. During these five years, Sheikh Hasina progressed towards establishing and transforming the image of the nation both at home and abroad.

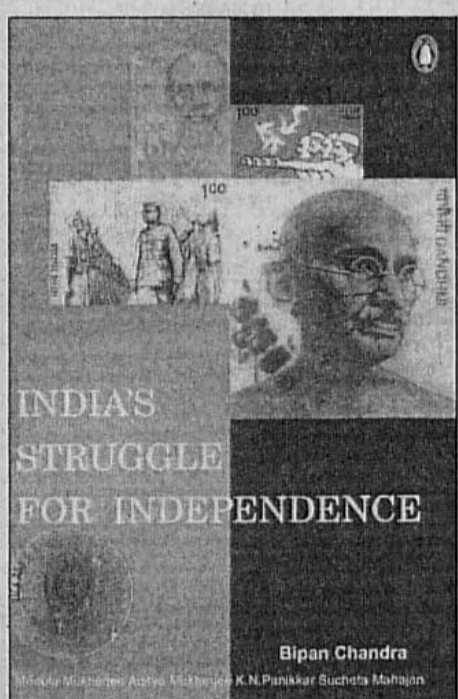


Middle Class and the Social Revolution in Bengal
An Incomplete Agenda
 Serajul Islam Choudhury
 Price: Tk 250.00
 Since the middle of the nineteenth century, the need for a social revolution has been felt and talked about by the middle class in Bengal. But, ironically, it was the middle class itself 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.



Election Under a Caretaker Government
An Empirical Analysis of the October 2001 Parliamentary Election in Bangladesh
 Waresul Karim
 Price: Tk 585.00
 This book is the result of an empirical study aimed at analyzing the results of the three parliamentary elections held in Bangladesh under caretaker administrations since 1991, with special emphasis on the October 2001 election. It carries out an objective analysis of various aspects of the election including possible determinants of party performance and voter turnout and the impact of rebel candidates and other contextual variables on the outcome of the election.

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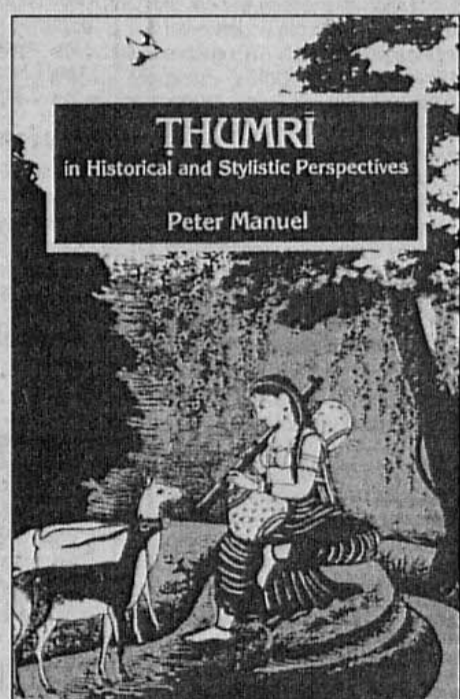


India's Struggle for Independence
 Bipan Chandra, Mridula Mukherjee, Aditya Mukherjee, KN Panikkar & Sucheta Mahajan
 Price: Tk 425.00
 India's struggle for independence has been studied before but this is the first major study to examine every one of the varied strands of the epic struggle individually 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.

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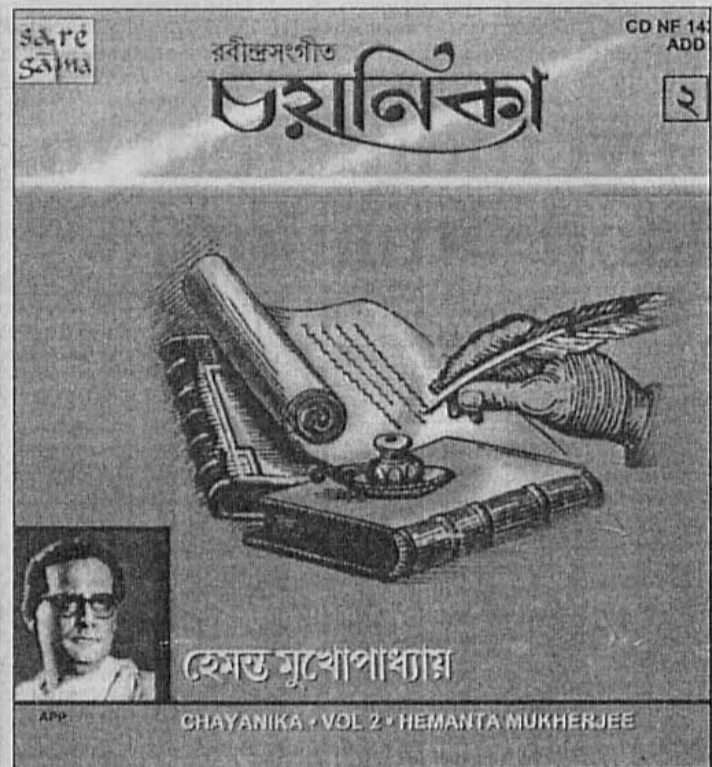


Srikanta
 Saratchandra Chattopadhyay
 Translated by Aruna Chakravarty
 Price: Tk 600.00
 Srikanta, the narrator, is an aimless drifter, a passive spectator who cannot survive without the support of an individual stronger than himself. As a child, he idealises the chaste Annada Didi - the epitome of selfless devotion to a worthless husband... As a young man he travels to Burma looking for new experiences and meets the rebellious Abhaya - who rejects her violent, bigamous husband to live openly with her lover - and learns to question the hypocritical social norms that bind a woman down but let a man off. He experiments with becoming a sanyasi, is bewitched for a while by the Vaishnavi, Kamal Lata, and wanders on till his directionless existence finally finds a focus - when he resigns himself to life with the notorious but stunning Pyari Baiji, breaking free of the social values he grew up with.

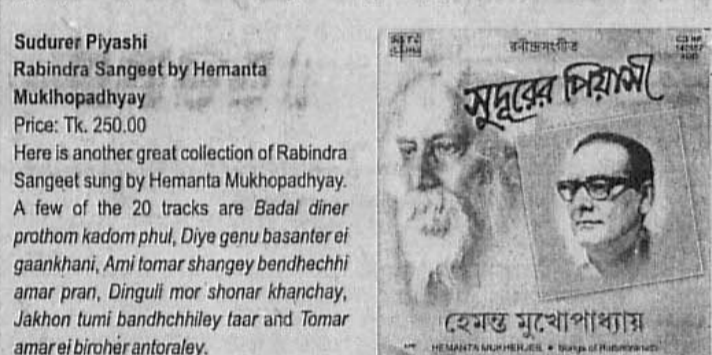


Thumri in Historical and Stylistic Perspectives
 Peter Manuel
 Price: Tk 510.00
 This scholarly volume is the first extended European-language study of thumri, the most important and popular semi-classical genre of North Indian music. Synthesizing historical and musicological analysis with an approach rooted in cultural materialism, Peter Manuel provides a rigorous, detailed, and yet readable look at this significant musical style. The opening chapters of his study trace thumri's historical evolution from an obscure regional song to the sophisticated, classicized idiom of today. Manuel illustrates how thumri's rise to popularity in the nineteenth century paralleled the emergence of the Indian middle class and the decline of the feudal elite and the musical forms associated with it.

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 apon bege*, *Money robey kina robay amaray*, *Gramchhara oi ranga matir poth*, *Amar mon maneyna*, *Keno jamine na jete jagaleyna*, *Tui phele eshechhish karey* 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*, *Diye genu basanter oi gaankhani*, *Ami tomar shanghey bendhechhi amar pran*, *Dinguli mor shonar khanchay*, *Jakhon tumi bandhechhiley taar and Tomar amar ei biraher antoraley*.



Hey Udashi
 Songs of Atulprasad Sen & Rajanikanta Sen
 Iffat Ara Dewan, Price: Tk 150.00
 Songs like *Ar kotokal thakbo boshey*, *Ke tumi e ghum bhagayee*, *Kato gaanta halo gaowa*, *Amar poran kotha jaay* and *Bondhua nid nahi ankhipaaley* by the two great musicians have been compiled in this album.



Aloker Ei Jharnadharay
 Rabindra Sangeet by Mita Haque
 Price: Tk 200.00
 The renowned singer of the country presents some more melodious renditions in this well made album. The songs include *Surer guru*, *Badal baul bajay*, *Shilpi phul shilpi phul*, *Phuley phuley choley choley*, *Neel digantay oi phuler agum*, *Aji shubho diney pitar bhabaney*, *Kothao amar hariyew jawar nei manaa* and others.

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