

PICK
OF THE
WEEK

Our Choice

D-Tox (IMDb rating 4.7)

On HBO, July 31 at 09:30 pm

Genre: Drama/Thriller/Horror

Sylvester Stallone, Charles Dutton, Polly Walker

Stallone plays a cop who comes undone after witnessing a brutal scene on the job. He checks into a rehab clinic that specialises in treating law enforcement officials. Soon, he finds that his fellow patients are being murdered one by one.



The Sport

IndianOil Asia Cup 2004

13th ODI, Final

Live from Colombo, Sri Lanka

On ESPN, August 01 at 02:45 pm

Sri Lanka

VS

India



The Movie

Carrie (IMDb rating 7.2)

On Star Movies, August 04 at 10:00 pm

Genre: Drama/Horror

Sissy Spacek, Piper Laurie, Amy Irving, John Travolta

Based on a Stephen King novel, Carrie is the story of Carrie White. She is a girl brought up, almost in isolation, by her psychotically religious mother Margaret. After an embarrassing incident in the showers causes her fellow pupils to tease Carrie ruthlessly, her teacher Miss Desjardin disciplines them severely.

Satellite TV

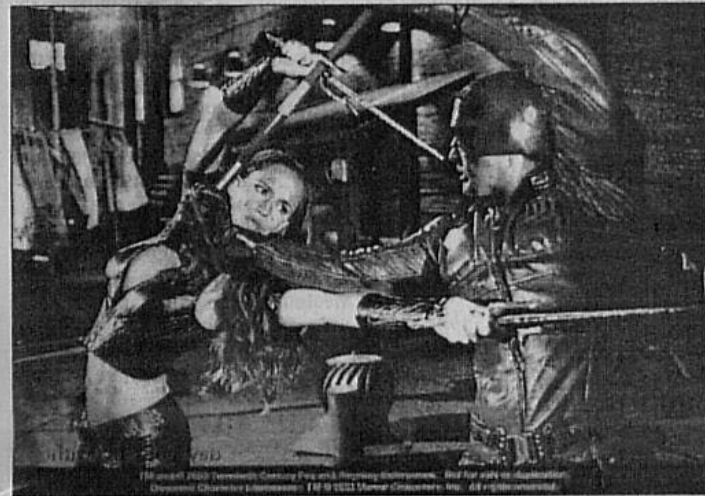


Robin Cook's Acceptable Risk

On Hallmark, July 31 at 10:15 pm

Chad Lowe, Kelly Rutherford

When Dr. Edward Wells, an enterprising young scientist, believes he has found a drug that can enhance intelligence and reverse degenerative brain disorders, he bypasses the normal scientific process and convinces a group of his fellow scientists to become human guinea pigs. Wells is the first to take the drug, but when he starts to experience dangerous side effects, he realises the frightening consequences of his experiment.



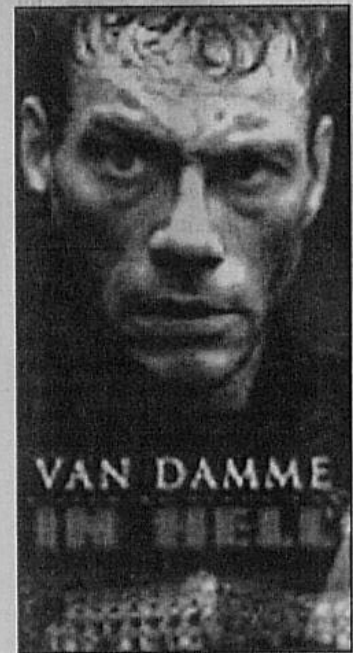
Daredevil (IMDb rating 5.8)

On Star Movies, August 01 at 07:00 pm

Genre: Action/Thriller/Crime/Fantasy

Ben Affleck, Jennifer Garner, Colin Farrell

Fate deals young orphan Matt Murdock a strange hand when he is doused with hazardous waste. The accident leaves Matt blind but also gives him a heightened "radar sense" that allows him to "see" far better than any man. Years later Murdock has grown into a man and becomes a respected criminal attorney. But after he's done his "day job" Matt takes on a secret identity as "The Man Without Fear," Daredevil, the masked avenger that patrols the neighbourhood of Hell's Kitchen and New York City to combat the injustice that he cannot tackle in the courtroom.



The Savage (IMDb rating 5.7)

On Star Movies, August 02 at 07:35 pm

Genre: Action/Thriller/Drama

Jean-Claude Van Damme, Lawrence Taylor, Marnie Alton

Kyle LeBlanc is an American working overseas in Russia. When he hears his wife being attacked over the phone, Kyle rushes home to find that he's too late. The man who killed his wife is found not guilty on lack of evidence. So Kyle takes the law into his own hands, and kills the man to avenge his wife's death. He is sentenced to life in prison without parole. The Russian prison he is sent to is tough, and the warden amuses himself by putting on fights where he fills his pockets with money by betting on the fights. Kyle begins to break and go crazy, so he is forced into these fights because the warden knows he is a sure thing. Kyle's cellmate 451 begins to make him think what he's fighting for. With that, Kyle knows now he must fight another battle: the fight for inner peace. It is the only way he can become the man he once was.

Mojave Moon (IMDb rating 5.4)

On Star Movies, August 03 at 09:00 pm

Genre: Comedy/Romance

Danny Aiello, Anne Archer, Michael Blehn, Angelina Jolie

Al McCord is hanging out at his favourite restaurant when he meets an attractive young woman Ellie, who is looking for a ride from the city out into the Mojave Desert, where her mother lives. Little does he know that while Ellie is falling in love with him, he is falling for her mother Julie, despite the nearby presence of Julie's boyfriend who seems likely to go berserk at any moment. Even more strange, hilarious events follow and it's up to Al to find some explanation. His life may never again be the same.



8MM (IMDb rating 5.9)

On Star Movies, August 05 at 07:00 pm

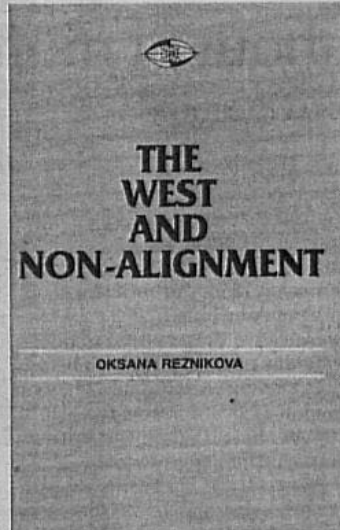
Genre: Mystery/Thriller

Nicolas Cage, Joaquin Phoenix, James Gandolfini

A small, seemingly innocuous plastic reel of film leads surveillance specialist Tom Welles down an increasingly dark and frightening path. With the help of the streetwise Max, Welles relentlessly follows a bizarre trail of evidence to determine the fate of a complete stranger. As his work turns into obsession, he drifts farther and farther away from his wife, family and simple life as a small-town private eye.



Books

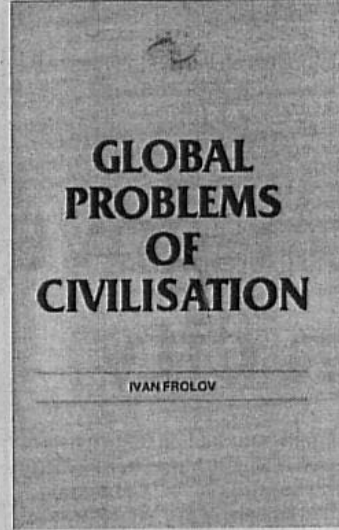


The West and Non-Alignment

Oksana Reznikova

Price: Tk. 200.00

This book takes a different approach to the Non-Aligned Movement, focusing on the movement's interaction with the leading centres of inter-imperialist rivalry, rather than on non-alignment itself. The book examines the evolution of the positions of the United States, Western Europe and the developed countries of the Asia-Pacific region toward the Non-Aligned Movement. Relying on a significant body of factual material, the author reveals the common aspects and specific features of Western policies as regards non-alignment and offers the reader her own conclusions and predictions. Being probably the first study of its kind, the book should prove an invaluable reference tool.

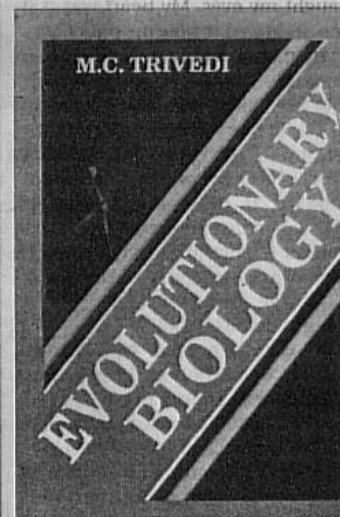


Global Problems of Civilisation

Ivan Frolov

Price: Tk. 200.00

As humanity approaches the threshold of the third millennium vast vistas are opening up before it, accompanied by tremendous challenges. The new stage of the scientific and technological revolution not only promises solutions to age-old problems, it heralds a golden age, a flowering of civilisation in which human beings will live lives of the fullest creative self-expression in harmony with nature. On the other hand, negative tendencies inherent in recent history and threats to man's environment and his very being are rapidly accumulating and are no longer very far from acquiring 'critical mass'. The danger of nuclear annihilation is but the most obvious aspect of this trend.



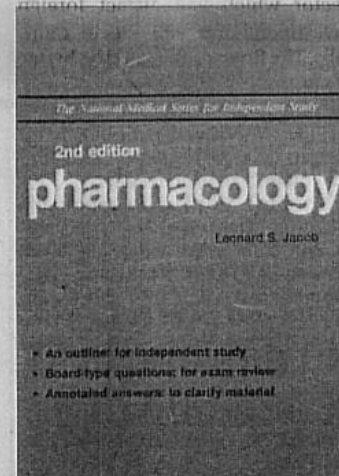
Evolutionary Biology

M.C. Trivedi

Price: Tk. 150.00

This book contains different chapters from Origin of Life up to Extinction. The issues have been discussed in an easy and simple language to make the text interesting and to provide an accurate and up to date matter on evolutionary biology. Illustrations have been given wherever necessary.

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Pharmacology

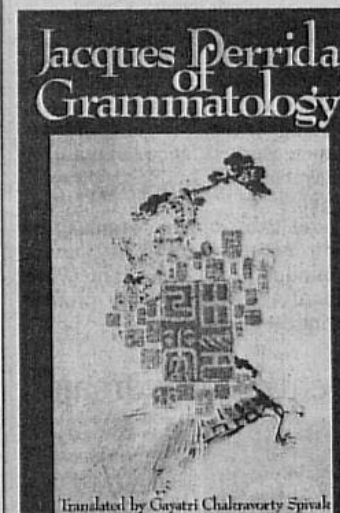
The National Medical Series for Independent Study

Leonard S. Jacob

Price: Tk. 500.00

The National Medical Series for Independent Study presents a new system for effective learning and review. It includes outlines of the basic and clinical sciences, board-type questions, and annotated answers. The books in the Basic Science Group have been designed specifically for the medical students.

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Of Grammatology

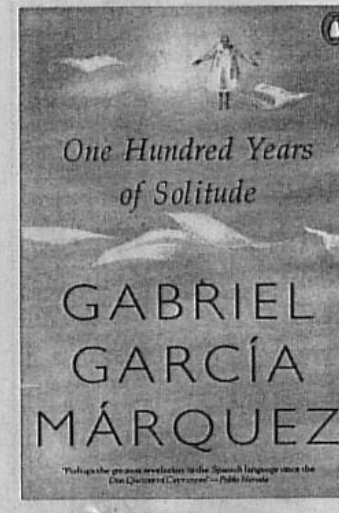
Jacques Derrida

Translated by Gayatri Chakravorty Spivak

Price: Tk. 675.00

Influential enough to have affected the entire French critical scene, Jacques Derrida has been hailed as the most important philosopher in France today. His ideas of reading and writing, his notion of deconstruction, his reinterpretations of phenomenology, of psychoanalysis, and of structuralism have profoundly influenced the vanguard of European and American criticism and have occasioned lively controversy. 'Without a knowledge of *Of Grammatology* the American scholar has a simply inaccurate view of the French critical advance-guard,' Spivak writes. 'For in the final analysis, Derrida, even as he questions the notion of "correction", corrects the common assumption of the two mutually opposed French critical tendencies -- phenomenology and structuralism.'

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One Hundred Years of Solitude

Gabriel García Márquez

Price: Tk. 425.00

One Hundred Years of Solitude involves the reader with the biography of Macondo, a remote South American settlement, and its founder, José Arcadio Buendía, Aureliano's father. José Arcadio, a pioneer, a restless inventor "whose unbridled imagination always went beyond the genius of nature and even beyond miracles and magic" is so wide-eyed as to deduce for himself that a giant magnet brought by a troop of gypsies will provide the means of extracting gold from the deep reaches of the earth. Each character maintains and suffers from their own form of solitude: madness, silence, death or power. José Arcadio Buendía is impulsive and inquisitive, also deeply solitary, alienating himself from other men in his obsessive investigations into mysterious matters. His older child, José Arcadio, inherits his vast physical strength and his impetuosity as well as his name.

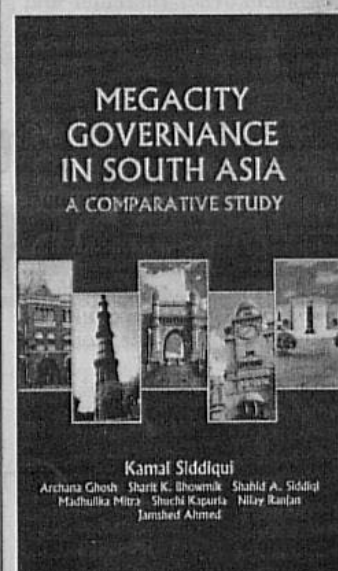


Ahmad Sharif Smarak Grantho

(Ahmad Sharif Memorial Book)

Price: Tk. 400.00

Ahmad Sharif was one of the most influential intellectuals of the country who dedicated their life in shaping the minds of Bangladesh. His commendable knowledge in the Middle Ages Bangla literature and society made him honourable in the world. The present book contains 57 write-ups focusing the legendary intellectual of the country. And the importance of the book is further enhanced by including some photographs and other documents.



Megacity Governance in South Asia

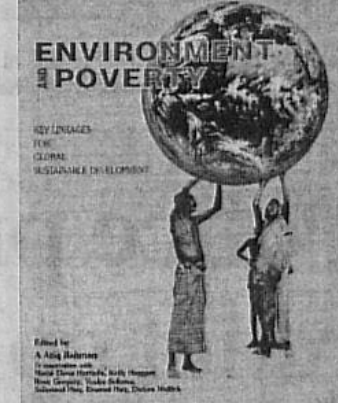
A Comparative Study

Kamal Siddiqui et al

Price: Tk. 750.00

This is a pioneering study comparing the governance arrangements in the five megacities (cities with population around 10 million) of South Asia, namely Dhaka in Bangladesh, Kolkata, Mumbai and Delhi in India and Karachi in Pakistan within a common analytical framework. The book is divided into seven chapters. The first and introductory chapter lays down the theoretical underpinnings and methodology of the study, besides identifying the major urbanization trends in South Asia.

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Environment and Poverty

Key Linkages for Global Sustainable Development

Edited by A Aliq Rahman et al.

Price: Tk. 400.00

Today's world is characterized by the fact the economic wealth of the planet is the highest in human history. At the same time the number of people suffering from abject poverty has never been greater in human experience, nor has global environmental degradation, particularly caused by anthropogenic factors, ever been any worse. The concept of Sustainable Development has encapsulated the mechanisms for integrating environment and development at the Earth Summit, in 1992.



Ramblings

Seema Nusrat Amin

Price: Tk. 150.00

Ramblings represents the images that are constantly forming in a very young mind as the mind is transforming on approaching youth.

Our poet Seema is a Bengali girl who lives and studies abroad and responds to distant events as they touch her through the visual media. She pen's down her feelings of fear and apprehension that surrounds the child in today's world of starvation and squalor in Africa, the difficulties of putting together a nuclear tests ban treaty and of AIDS. Seema also paints pictures of hope, her dreams and fantasies. She prefers to call this book of fifty-three poems a 'monument of resolve'. We will hope that Seema continues to inspire us with her poems.



Migration Land Alienation and Ethnic Conflict

Causes of Poverty in the Chittagong Hill Tracts of Bangladesh

Shapan Adnan

Price: Tk. 500.00

This is a study of the causes of poverty among the indigenous peoples of the Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT) of Bangladesh -- variously known as the Jumma people, the Paharis, or the Hill peoples. The work is based on research activities undertaken over 1998-2004, including several rounds of fieldwork in the CHT. The varied sites of fieldwork include Pahari village settlements, habitations of Bengali settlers, towns and urban centres, bazaars and market-places, the reserve forests, and the Kaptai lake and river networks. These diverse sites and contexts of field research are illustrated by nearly 200 colour plates. The approach of this study differs fundamentally from conventional discourses on poverty alleviation and development. It puts forward a diagnostic analysis of the causes of poverty, as well as alternative policy recommendations which follow from this approach.



Facing the Mirror

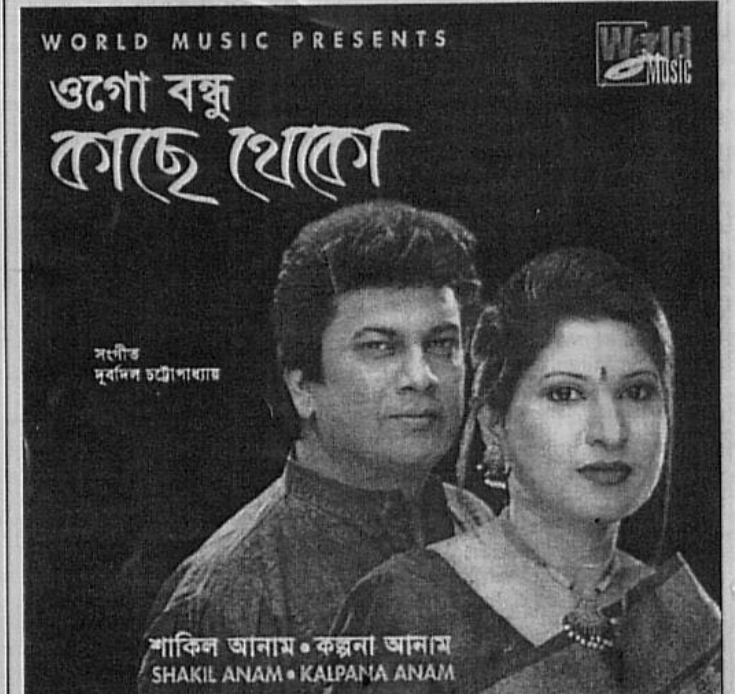
Lesbian Writing from India

Edited by Ashwini Sukthankar

Price: Tk. 500.00

Facing the Mirror brings together the richness and diversity of lesbian existence in India through fiction and poetry, essays and personal history. Countering the images of perverse desire generated by decades of lurid speculation, the writers quarried memory and imagination to describe what it really means to be a woman who loves other women. This book is a revelation for Indian lesbians who have never been exposed to each other's voices in a public domain. For the rest of the world, it is a compelling glimpse into the lives of those who remain unacknowledged in all the spheres of society they inhabit. These writings do not moderate either passion or anger for the eye of the beholder. The courage, the sensuality, the humour of being lesbian is worn proudly, in its many colours.

CDs & Cassettes



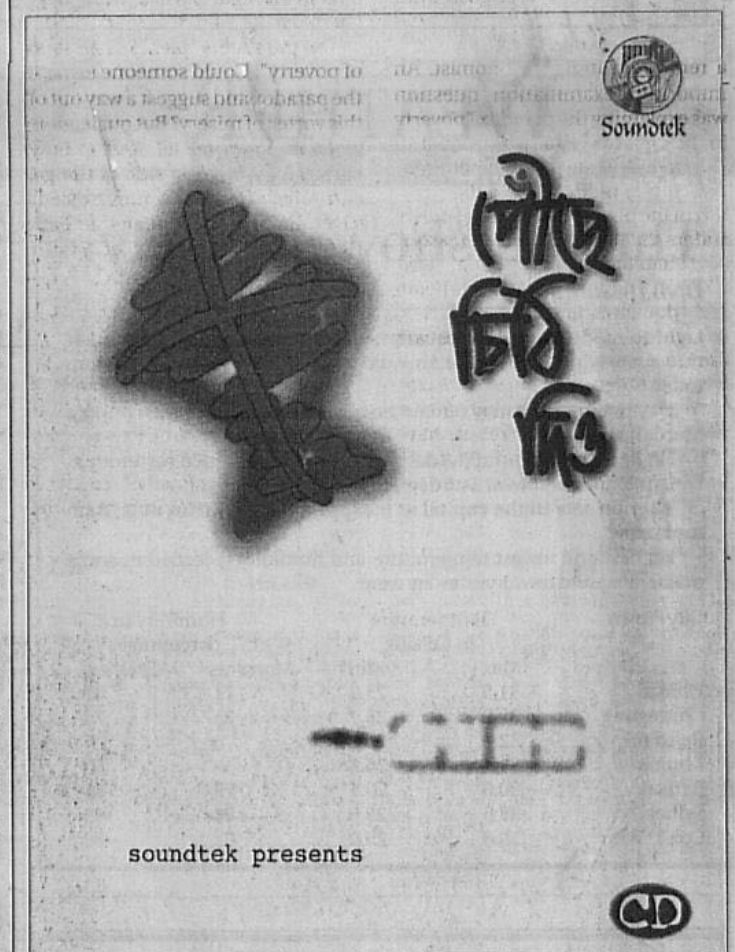
Ogo Bondhu Kachhey Theko

Modern Bangla Songs

Shakil Anam & Kalpana Anam

The popular Nazrul singers are here with some old tunes that have become timeless in Bangla music. The songs are mainly from the 1960s and 1970s by renowned music directors from both Bangladesh and West Bengal. The songs include *Eki shonar aaloy jibon bhorie diley*, *Bhul shob-i bhul*, *Gaaneri khatay swarolipi*, *Ekti gaan likho amar jonnyo*, *Premar naam bedona*, *Surer bhubaney* and others.

Available at World Music, 21 New Eskaton; Music World, Dhanmondi; Sangeeta, Gausia; Soundtek, New Market



Pouchhey Chithi Diyo

Poetry-based Love Songs

Rasheed Khan

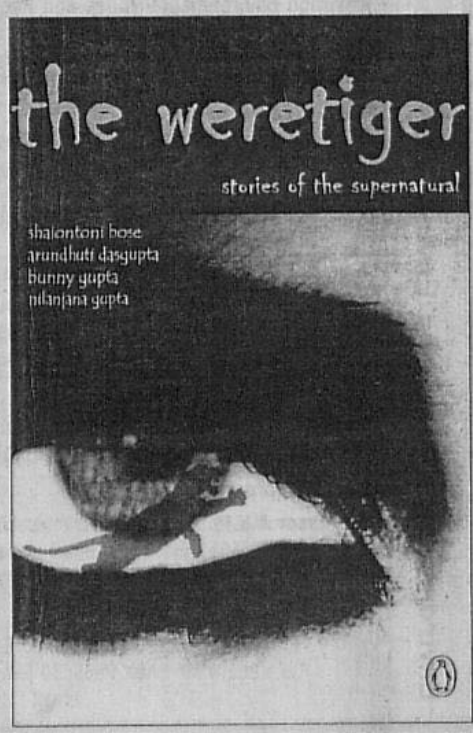
Price: Tk. 60.00

A total of seven short love songs accompanied with poems composed, sung and recited by the young artist make a bold attempt to engross listeners. Quite a fresh initiative undertaken by the painter-turned-vocalist with assistance from renowned musical talent Piaru Khan, the album certainly comes as a puff of soothing air to calm the minds and souls of local music lovers.

Source: Soundtek

Books

The Weretiger



Stories of the Supernatural

Shaiontoni Bose, Aundhuti Dasgupta, Bunny Gupta & Nilanjana Gupta

Price: Tk. 425.00

This collection gathers together oral histories, folklores and urban legends from every part of the country, and explores the many forms of the supernatural--spirits and *branhadaitays*, *dakinis* and *djinnis*, reincarnations and possessions, tutelary forest spirits and shape-changing animals.

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