

PICK OF THE WEEK



Life as a House (IMDb rating 7.5)
On HBO, August 10 at 11:30 pm
Genre: Drama/Comedy
Kevin Kline, Kristin Scott Thomas, Hayden Christensen, Jena Malone
Unfilled and depressed, 45-year old architect George Monroe has lost sight of his dreams. Living in an inherited shack he had planned on rebuilding years ago, he works tirelessly at his job and remains estranged from his family: ex-wife Robin and maladjusted son Sam. But, in one day, the course of George's life changes forever. He is fired from his job and diagnosed with a terminal illness.



The Sport
Asian Cup 2004 Final
Live from Beijing, China
On Star Sports, August 07 at 06:00 pm
China
Vs
Japan

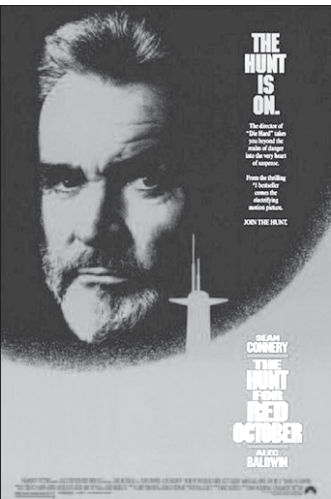


The Movie
Monster's Ball (IMDb rating 7.3)
On Star Movies, August 08 at 08:40 pm
Genre: Drama/Romance
Billy Bob Thornton, Taylor Simpson, Gabrielle Union, Hank Grotowski, Heath Ledger, Halle Berry
Hank Grotowski is a prison guard. He works with his son, Sonny, and lives at home with his racist father, Buck. Lawrence Musgrove has just been executed and a horrible tragedy has happened at home. Now, Hank has just met Leticia, a young black woman struggling to make ends meet and they quickly fall in love to ease each other's pains. If only he knew that Leticia is Musgrove's widow...

Satellite TV



Gossip (IMDb rating 5.7)
On HBO, August 07 at 11:15 pm
Genre: Drama/Thriller
James Marsden, Lena Headey, Norman Reedus, Kate Hudson
For a class project, three self absorbed college students decide to do their project on gossip to track it's growth. But, first they need some gossip so one night at a night-club, they spot a guy and a girl making out before the girl passes out. Around the campus the girl is known for not giving out. The three decide to use that as their base and mix it into her boyfriend raping her when she was passed out. The gossip gets spread to the girl who only remembers passing out at the club. One of her friends suggest that maybe her boyfriend raped her.



Hunt for Red October (IMDb rating 7.6)
On HBO, August 08 at 11:15 pm
Genre: Action/Adventure/Thriller
Sean Connery, Alec Baldwin, Scott Glenn
Sean Connery stars with Alec Baldwin in John McTiernan's blockbuster *The Hunt For Red October*. Connery plays Marko Ramius, a senior Russian sub captain whose plans to defect are met with strong opposition by his own Soviet navy, and American misconceptions of his intentions. Baldwin plays CIA analyst Jack Ryan, the one man who sees the defection, and must convince most of the American navy he is correct. The action climaxes with an amazing naval battle, but who will win The Hunt for Red October?



Space Cowboys (IMDb rating 6.4)
On HBO, August 11 at 09:30 pm
Genre: Adventure/Sci-Fi/Drama/Comedy
Clint Eastwood, Tommy Lee Jones
In 1958, four hot shot test pilots seem certain to be the first men to go into outer space. However, the back-stabbing leader of their organization disbands them to prevent their involvement in the then forming NASA and labels them as non-team players. Flash forward to the present, the foursome are now living a docile life. The electrical engineer has a pleasant retired life in a desert home with his wife (Barbara Babcock). The pilot (Tommy Lee Jones), who had a penchant for pushing the test planes to their limits, is now a daredevil crop-duster.



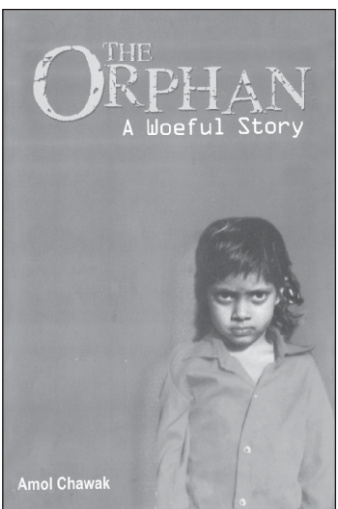
The Transporter (IMDb rating 6.0)
On Star Movies, August 07 at 08:30 pm
Genre: Action/Thriller/Crime
Jason Statham, Qi Shu, Matt Schulze, François Berléand
Ex-Special Forces operator Frank Martin lives what seems to be a quiet life along the French Mediterranean,

hiring himself out as a mercenary 'transporter' who moves goods - human or otherwise - from one place to another. No questions asked. Frank's newest transport seems no different from the countless ones he's done in the past. He has been hired by an American known only as 'Wall Street' to make a delivery, but when Frank stops along route, he notices his 'package' is moving. Violating his own personal rules, Frank looks inside the bag, finding its contents to be a beautiful, gagged woman.

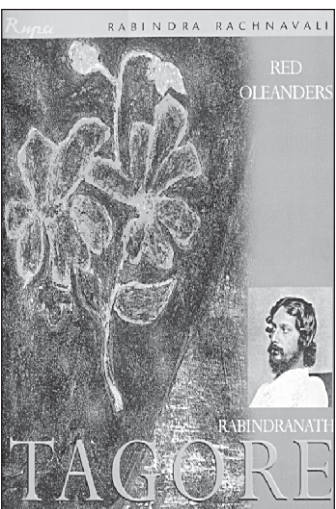


40 Days and 40 Nights (IMDb rating 5.5)
On Star Movies, August 09 at 08:30 pm
Genre: Comedy/Romance
Josh Hartnett, Shannyn Sossamon, Paulo Costanzo
Nicole broke up with Matt months ago and is now engaged to someone else. He's very good-looking and has no trouble finding other lovers, but that doesn't help because he's still obsessed with wanting her back. Then he gets the inspiration that swearing off sex for Lent (all forms of sexual activity, even kissing or masturbation) will give him the perspective he needs. So of course a few days later he meets a woman and they fall in love. Now Matt sees this vow as a personal matter, and won't even tell her about it, but his friends think otherwise, and now the complications begin...

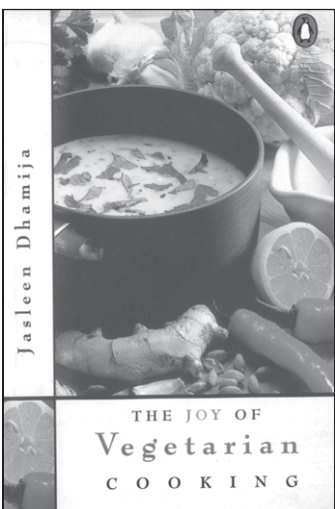
Books



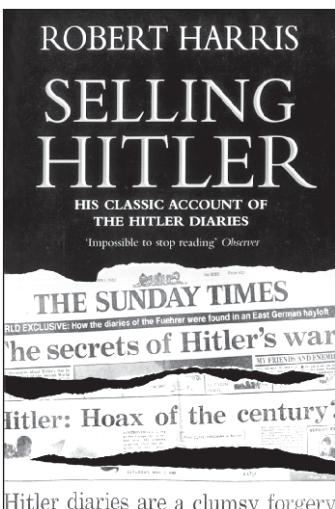
The Orphan
A Woeful Story
Amol Chawak
Price: Tk. 1150.00
The theme depicts a woeful tale of a family which has to struggle hard at various phases of life. It commences with a compact family with delightful hopes, converted into despair and tragic conclusions. The work is well worded and ideals in it are well weaved. This book would be useful for defence personnel, bureaucrats, social scientists and students in Indian sub-continent.



Red Oleanders
Rabindranath Tagore
Price: Tk. 110.00
A symbolic play, *Red Oleanders* is the English translation of *Rakta Karabi* (1925) which is acclaimed as Tagore's best play. A powerful and poignant play, it describes the conflict between machine and the free human spirit. It is a critique of the ideology of regimentation and exploitation of technology leading to dehumanisation. Here free life does not exist. Nandini is a symbol of undying love. Free life beckons to everyone to come out and share in the abounding joy of the sunlight. Love and life assert through death and recreate themselves again. It is a play about the suffering and hope of our times.

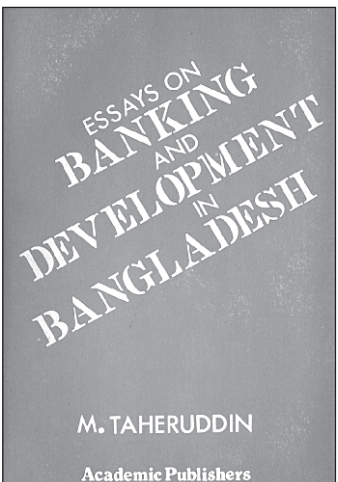


The Joy of Vegetarian Cooking
Jasleen Dhamija
Price: Tk. 480.00
From the versatile potato to the more exotic avocado, from the sensuous aborigine to the humble water chestnut, vegetables of every flavour and colour have been brought together creatively in this unusual cookbook that has recipes from places as far flung as Italy, France, Egypt and Australia. The author, a widely travelled ethnologist, intersperses the recipes with piquant and often funny anecdotes that bring alive little traditions and stories about the cooking and serving of different kinds of vegetables around the world. Arranged alphabetically for easy use, the recipes are intended to save cooking time and energy without compromising on taste. Also provided are sample menus that illustrate the best and most nutritious ways to design a healthy, balanced diet. From delicious soups and salads to unusual sauces, from different kinds of rice and roti to mouthwatering desserts, this is innovative, exciting fare guaranteed to stimulate even the most jaded palate.

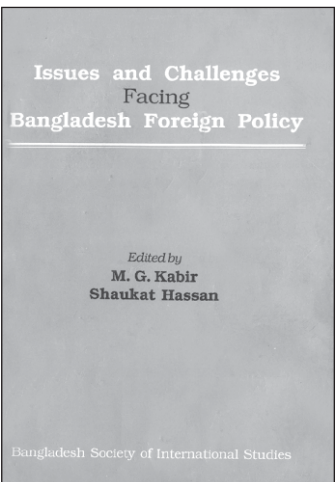


Selling Hitler
Robert Harris
Price: Tk. 595.00
APRIL 1945: From the ruins of Berlin, a Luftwaffe transport plane takes off carrying secret papers belonging to Adolf Hitler. Half an hour later, it crashes in flames...
APRIL 1983: In a bank vault in Switzerland, a German magazine offers to sell more than 50 volumes of Hitler's secret diaries. The asking price is \$4 million...
Written with the pace and verve of a thriller and hailed on publication as a classic, *Selling Hitler* tells the story of the biggest fraud in publishing history.

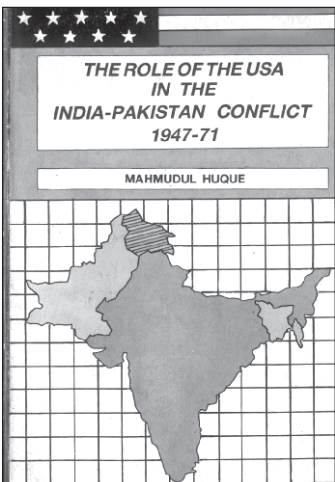
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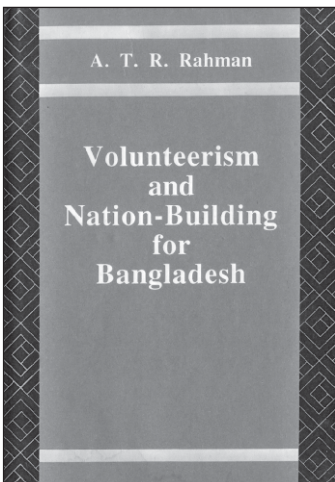
Essays on Banking and Development in Bangladesh
M. Taheruddin
Price: Tk. 90.00
In the pursuit of his professional career, M. Taheruddin was often stirred by academic issues on banking and development and his views found expression in articles and seminar papers. The nuances that run through the essays in the volume, covering diverse topics speak of the author's ability to blend academic flavour with practitioner's insight.



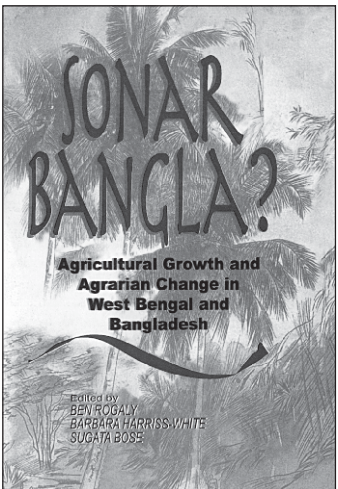
Issues and Challenges Facing Bangladesh Foreign Policy
Edited by M. G. Kabir Shaikat Hassan
Price: Tk. 300.00 (Hard Cover), Tk. 200.00 (Paper Cover)
The collection of articles in this volume is the first attempt to analyse foreign policy issues facing Bangladesh. The handful of books and monographs published so far on the topic primarily concentrate on our bilateral or multilateral external relations. There have been very little systematic academic discussions on Bangladesh foreign policy, notwithstanding the titles of those works. A survey of the writings over the years on the broad topic of foreign policy not only indicates conceptual confusion regarding these two terms, but the treatment of the subject to the extent discernible has also been quite superficial.



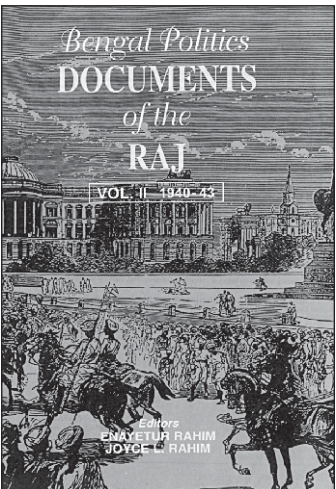
The role of the USA in the India-Pakistan Conflict 1947-71
Mahmudul Haque
Price: Tk. 235.00
This book analyses US policy toward India and Pakistan between 1947 and 1971 from the vantage-point of relations between these two countries. America's global strategic considerations dictated a policy of friendship with both Indian and Pakistan after they emerged as independent nations in 1947. But the hostility between them proved to be the main obstacle to accomplishing US policy aims. Despite Pakistan's alliance with the United States after 1954 and India's refusal to accept US cold war strategies, American policy makers tried to be even-handed up until 1971, when the 'tilt' toward Pakistan occurred.



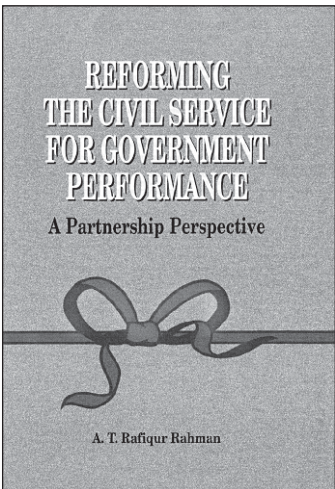
Volunteerism and Nation-Building for Bangladesh
ATR Rahman
Price: Tk. 125.00
The book deals with volunteerism referring to one's contribution (fund and materials) and service (labour and skills) given on one's free will for the benefit of the needy and without expectation of any return or benefit. It focuses on organised volunteerism referring to utilising voluntary services/resources on a continued basis or combining such services/resources to achieve some objectives, including nation-building. The book is especially concerned with voluntary service and reviews broadly the experience in USA and Bangladesh. It finds that organised voluntary service is limited in Bangladesh.



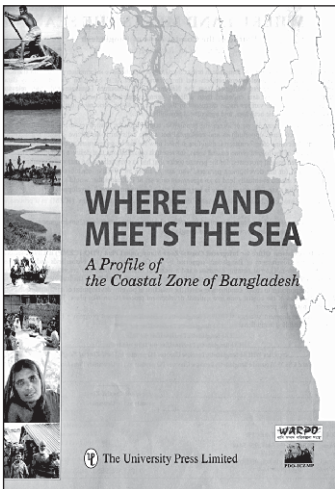
Sonar Bangla?
Agricultural Growth and Agrarian Change in West Bengal and Bangladesh
Edited by Ben Rogaly et al
Price: Tk. 500.00
After decades of stagnation, Bengali agricultural output finally began to grow faster than the population from the mid-1980s onwards. While this achievement has been widely heralded, there has been no effort to analyse in detail the reasons for and the consequences of agrarian change in the region. Providing a unique interdisciplinary synthesis, this volume—which draws chiefly upon micro studies of villages in West Bengal and Bangladesh—explores the complex causality between agricultural growth, government policy and local level practice, and agrarian social change. The book is divided into three parts dealing respectively with agricultural growth, poverty and well-being, policies and practices, and changing agrarian structures. Among the issues discussed are: The extent to which the West Bengal government's agrarian reforms were responsible for rapid agricultural growth. The outcomes of this growth for poverty and well-being in the state. The liberalisation of agricultural input markets and growth trends in Bangladesh. The impact of the recent agricultural growth on structures of land and water ownership, on caste-based ideologies, on markets for produce, and on migrant wage-workers. The book leaves official data with extended research in rural Bengal as well as detailed archival research. The contributions represent diverse ideological and disciplinary approaches, and even provide sharply contesting interpretations which reflect the debates currently raging around the themes covered in the volume.



Bengal Politics: Documents of the Raj Vol.-II 1940-43
Edited by Enayetur Rahim and Joyce L. Rahim
Price: Tk. 450.00
This is the second volume of a three volume series of selected documents on Bengal politics created by the Governor of Bengal during the era of provincial autonomy, 1936 to 1947. The documents include in this series, with a few exceptions, are the fortnightly reports of the Governor to the Viceroy and Governor-General of India and deal with a variety of events that were perceived by the Governor as of supreme importance needing the personal attention of the Governor-General. In summarizing and underscoring many significant development in the province.



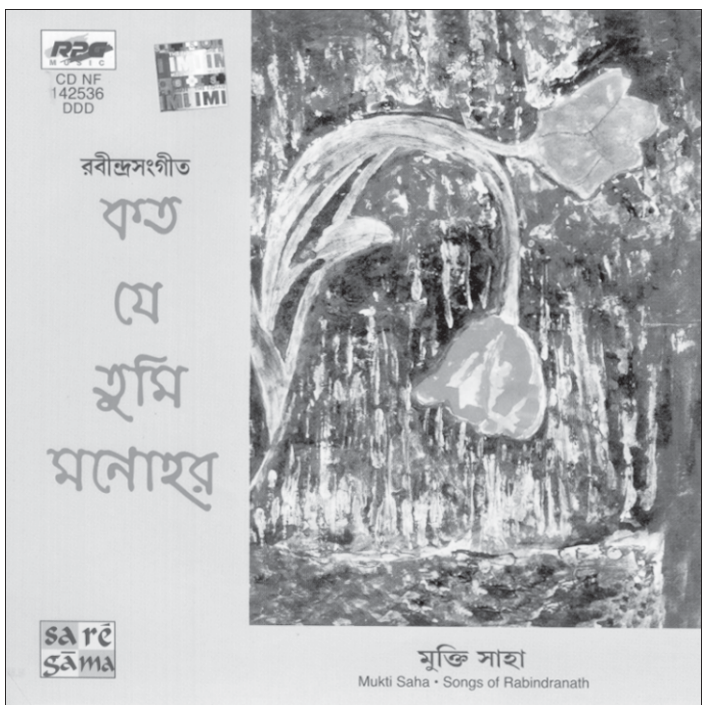
Reforming the civil service for Government Performance
A Partnership perspective
AT Rafiqur Rahman
Price: Tk. 350.00
Reforming the civil service for improving government performance has become a common feature in most countries in the world. In developing countries, these civil service reforms (CSRs) have been associated or preceded by economic reform efforts, especially structural adjustment loans (SALs) organized by the World Bank, and in some cases by democratic and constitutional reforms. Current generations of civil service reforms are tied closely with administrative reforms that rearrange institutions and processes to perform core state functions.



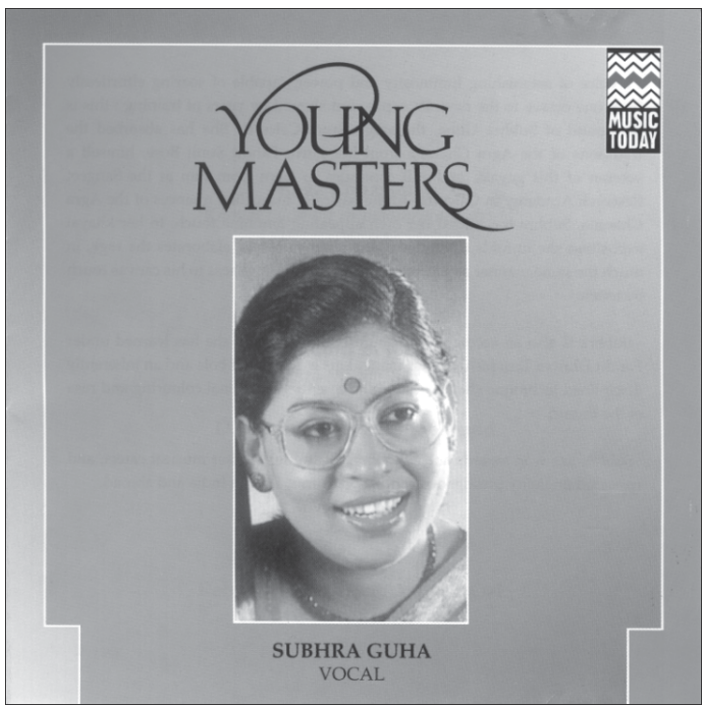
Where Land Meets the Sea
A Profile of the Coastal Zone of Bangladesh
Edited by M Rafiqul Islam
Price: Tk. 980.00
This profile of the coastal zone of Bangladesh brings together a comprehensive information package for use both by experts involved in development projects and the general reader. It is based on current primary data, sometimes difficult to access, collected from the National Water Resources Database and other relevant authorities and secondary data collected from different agencies related to coastal resources planning and management. Among the various issues discussed in the profile are those concerning the ecosystem, coastal livelihoods and economic activities, and agricultural possibilities etc.

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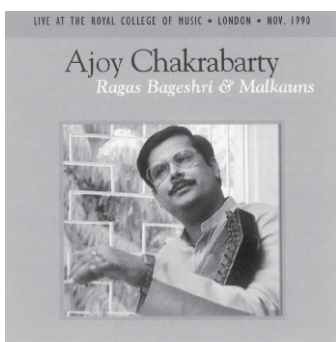
CDs & Cassettes



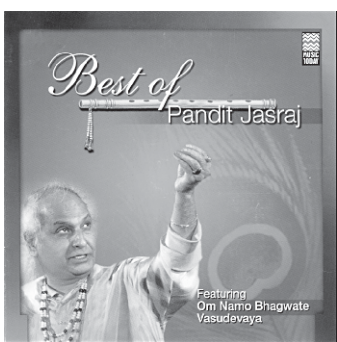
Koto Je Tumi Manohar
Rabindra Sangeet by Mukti Saha
Price: Tk. 300.00
The collection contains a good number of Rabindranath Tagore's songs—a total of 19 tracks. Mukti Saha's melodious voice gives pleasant rendition to the timeless numbers by the great poet. The songs include *Tomar naam janine shur jani*, *Ami hridoyer kotha bolitey byakul*, *Na shajoni na*, *Ghoretey bhramar elo*, *Tumi amay dekechhiley*, *Amar shokol dukher prodip* and others.



Young Masters
Vocal by Subhra Guha
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A voice of astonishing luminosity and power, capable of soaring effortlessly from one octave to the next, its expression shaped by years of training: this is the sound of Subhra Guha, the singer from Kolkata. She has absorbed the traditions of the Agra Gharana from her guru, Pandit Sunil Bose, himself a veteran of this gayaki. To the basically masculine nuances of the Agra Gharana, Subhra has added her own appealing feminine touch.

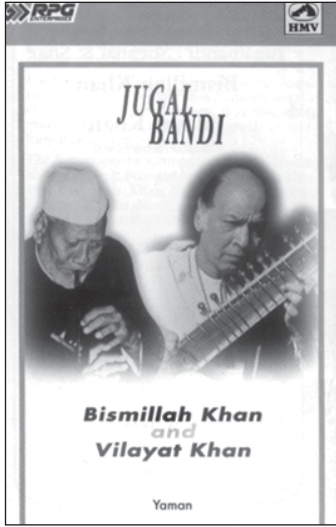


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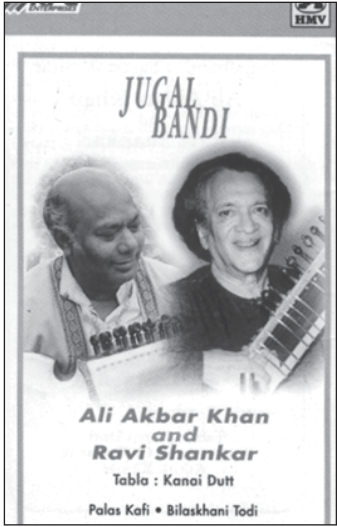


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