

PICK OF THE WEEK



Our Choice

**Hard Rain** (IMDb rating 5.5)  
On HBO, August 29 at 08:30 pm  
**Directed by** Mikael Salomon  
**Genre:** Action/Crime/Thriller/Drama  
**Morgan Freeman, Christian Slater, Minnie Driver**  
Set during a massive flood started by a dam accident in a small town, Christian Slater is an armored truck guard who gets robbed by Morgan Freeman. Slater gets away with all the money and hides it. In a panic, Slater tells the sheriff about the area he hid the money in and the sheriff locks him up. Now Slater has to get to the money and keep himself alive battling the sheriff, Morgan Freeman and his crew and the elements.



The Sport

South Africa Tour of Sri Lanka

ODIs

Live on Ten Sports

**August 28 at 09:45 am**

4th ODI from Dambulla Stadium

**August 31 at 10:00 am**

2nd ODI from SSC, Colombo



The Movie

**The 25th Hour** (IMDb rating 7.8)  
On Star Movies, August 29 at 07:00 pm  
**Directed by** Spike Lee  
**Genre:** Crime/Drama  
**Edward Norton, Philip Seymour Hoffman, Barry Pepper, Rosario Dawson**  
In 24 short hours Monty Brogan goes to prison for seven long years. Once a king of Manhattan, Monty is about to say good-bye to the life he knew—a life that opened doors to New York's swankest clubs but also alienated him from the people closest to him. In his last day on the outside, Monty tries to reconnect with his father, and gets together with two old friends, Jacob and Slaughtery.

Satellite TV



**Lara Croft: Tomb Raider** (IMDb rating 5.2)  
On HBO, August 30 at 09:30 pm  
**Directed by** Simon West  
**Genre:** Action/Fantasy/Adventure  
**Angelina Jolie, Jon Voight, Iain Glen, Noah Taylor**  
Based on the popular video game series, Tomb Raider features the adventures of Lara Croft an antiquities hunter-for-hire. She travels to exotic locales in search of treasures and artifacts in the catacombs of ancient tombs and ruins remaining from age-old empires. A female Indiana Jones, Croft's expeditions are always chock full of action, danger, intrigue, suspense and her omnipresent knack for defying death in tight outfits.

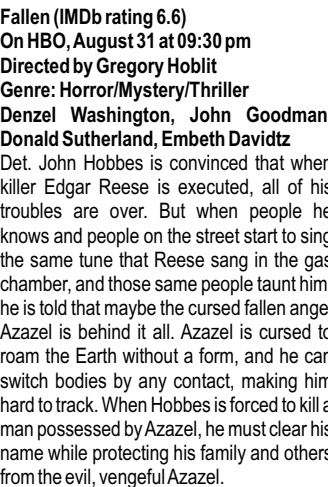
The Truth About Charlie

(IMDb rating 4.6)

On HBO, August 28 at 09:30 pm  
**Directed by** Jonathan Demme  
**Genre:** Mystery / Thriller  
**Stephen Dillane, Thandie Newton, Mark Wahlberg**  
A young woman in Paris is about to divorce her husband when she discovers... he's dead; and all their money is gone. She meets a mysterious man, who tells her that the money was really his, and he wants it back, seemingly convinced that she's hiding the cash. Meanwhile, more people end up dead...



**The Frighteners** (IMDb rating 6.9)  
On Star Movies, August 31 at 10:00 pm  
**Directed by** Peter Jackson  
**Genre:** Comedy/Horror/Thriller  
**Michael J. Fox, Trini Alvarado, Peter Dobson**  
A psychic private detective who consorts with deceased souls becomes engaged in a mystery as members of the town community begin dying mysteriously. While investigating, he is aided by a friendly doctor who believes in his psychic abilities and is hindered by a crazed G-Man, a woman involved in an old serial killing, and what may be the spirit of Death itself.



**Fallen** (IMDb rating 6.6)  
On HBO, August 31 at 09:30 pm  
**Directed by** Gregory Hoblit  
**Genre:** Horror/Mystery/Thriller  
**Michael J. Fox, Trini Alvarado, Peter Dobson**  
Det. John Hobbes is convinced that when killer Edgar Reese is executed, all of his troubles are over. But when people he knows and people on the street start to sing the same tune that Reese sang in the gas chamber, and those same people taunt him, he is told that maybe the cursed fallen angel Azazel is behind it all. Azazel is cursed to roam the Earth without a form, and he can switch bodies by any contact, making him hard to track. When Hobbes is forced to kill a man possessed by Azazel, he must clear his name while protecting his family and others from the evil, vengeful Azazel.



**Killing Me Softly** (IMDb rating 5.4)  
On Star Movies, September 02 at 10:30 pm  
**Directed by** Kaige Chen  
**Genre:** Thriller  
**Heather Graham, Joseph Fiennes, Natascha McElhone**  
A London website designer ops out of her comfortable but ordinary relationship with a nice boyfriend when she forms a dangerously obsessive bond with a handsome, mysterious mountaineer, who turns out to have some secrets.

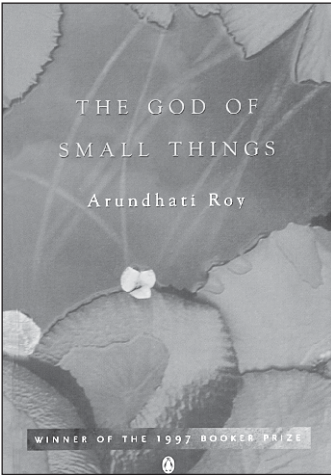
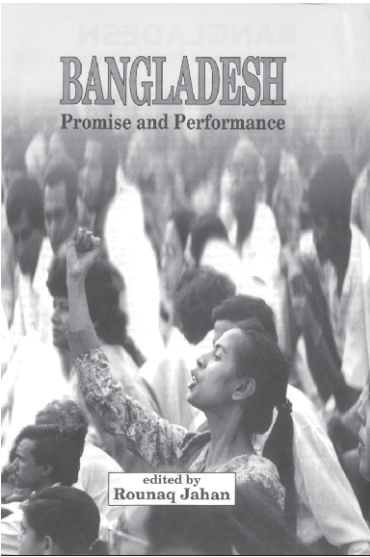
**People I Know** (IMDb rating 5.6)  
On Star Movies, August 28 at 10:15 pm  
**Directed by** Daniel Algrnt  
**Genre:** Comedy/Drama/Romance  
**Al Pacino, Kim Basinger, Ryan O'Neal**  
Smart, resourceful and uncommonly devoted seasoned publicist Eli Wurman has smoothly managed the public lives of the rich, the famous and the incredibly powerful throughout his long career. There has never been a crisis he couldn't handle—until now. Cary Launer is a famous actor—he's as good at manipulating and controlling those around him as he is at giving award-winning performances. Yet Launer is in trouble over a young starlet, Jill, and enlists Eli to discreetly escort her out of his life. It seems just one more celebrity baby-sitting job, until they arrive at an after-hours party where Eli experiences a shock that will change his life forever. The crime he's witnessed involves the most powerful and influential people in the country.



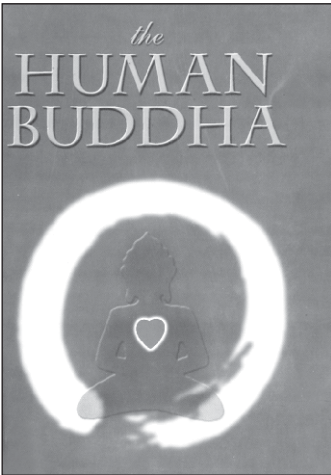
Books

**Bangladesh**  
*Promise and Performance*  
Edited by Rounaq Jahan  
Price: Tk. 400.00  
The movement for Bangladesh was carried forward in the name of creating Sonar Bangla (Golden Bengal). Implicit in the idea of Sonar Bangla was the vision of a society economically prosperous, free of exploitation, democratically governed, tolerant of pluralism and respectful of people's rights. This study, a collection of articles by some of the best known scholars on Bangladesh, is an attempt to analyze how the country has performed in the three decades since her independence. The articles illuminate the critical debates that have defined Bangladesh's politics and policies since her birth: the identity question; the issue of democratization and community and people's participation; challenges of economic growth, human development and poverty alleviation; social transformation and the empowerment of the under privileged groups; and the role of civil society and effective governance in fostering democracy and development. The articles describe the dynamics of the political economy, the composition of the ruling elites and their political strategies to hold on to state power on the one hand and the demands of the excluded groups on the other seeking expanded participation in the political system. The book presents a complex picture of the gradual evolution of interactions between state, society and external actors.

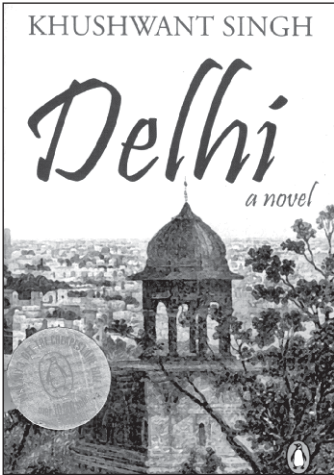
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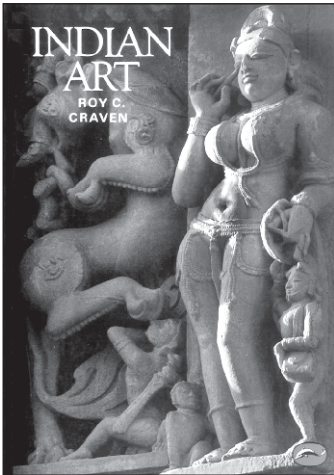
**The God of Small Things**  
Arundhati Roy  
Price: Tk. 500.00  
*The God of Small Things* is an ancient drama played out against an unmistakably modern backdrop. It turns the clash of tongues and histories in Kerala into the motor of its comedy, its lyricism and its fine intelligence. And in doing so, it makes the remarkable Arundhati Roy a fitting standard-bearer for the immensely rich literature of India today. After you turn the last page of this glowing first novel, you find you're still deep inside it. You can smell the pickled mangoes and the sweet banana jam, hear the children singing as their uncle's car carries them home to disaster. The details don't fall into place until the end of the book but making our way there, we move through such a landscape of sensory imagery that we seem to have lived the tragedy long before we can understand it.



**The Human Buddha**  
*Enlightenment for the new Millennium*  
Aziz Kristof  
Price: Tk. 680.00  
The message for the New Millennium presents a vision of Awakening which reveals the human face of the Buddha. It is essential at this moment in our evolution to return to a more realistic perspective of enlightenment. Most seekers cannot relate to the concept of enlightenment for they feel intimidated by the image of the 'flawless' Buddha. Here, the Human Buddha is no longer a spiritual superhero who denies natural longings, desires and human imperfections. The Human Buddha is indeed a sensitive being, a child of the Beloved like all of us. The Human Buddha openly acknowledges the gentle and vulnerable quality of his or her heart...



**Delhi: A Novel**  
Khushwant Singh  
Price: Tk. 425.00  
I return to Delhi as I return to my mistress Bhagmati when I have had my fill of whoring in foreign lands... Thus begins Khushwant Singh's vast, erotic, irreverent magnum opus on the city of Delhi. The principal narrator of the saga, which extends over six hundred years, is a bawdy, ageing reprobate who loves Delhi as much as he does the hida whore Bhagmati -- half man, half woman with the sexual inventiveness and energy of both the sexes. Travelling through time, space and history to 'discover' his beloved city, the narrator meets a myriad of people -- poets and princes, saints and sultans, temptresses and traitors, emperors and eunuchs -- who have participated in (and been witness to) the major historical forces that have shaped and endowed Delhi with its very special mystique...



**Indian Art: A Concise History**  
Roy C Craven  
Price: Tk. 7080.00  
The grave, sensuous and infinitely varied arts of India have long been admired in the West. Until now there has been no concise guide to the subject as a whole. Professor Craven tells the story clearly and vividly from the first, still mysterious, beginnings in the Indus valley, through the great masterpieces of Buddhist and Hindu art to the coming of Islam, the eclectic culture of the Mughal court and the golden age of Indian miniature painting. Much of this art is immediately accessible to the outsider, but much is also enigmatic, needing interpretation and guidance before it can be enjoyed in depth: the strange pantheon of the Hindu gods, the subtle insights of Buddhist mysticism or the complex symbolism of the miniatures.

CDs, DVDs & Cassettes



**Ganga Amar Ma Padma Amar Ma**  
*Modern Bangla Songs by Runa Laila*  
Price: Tk. 350.00



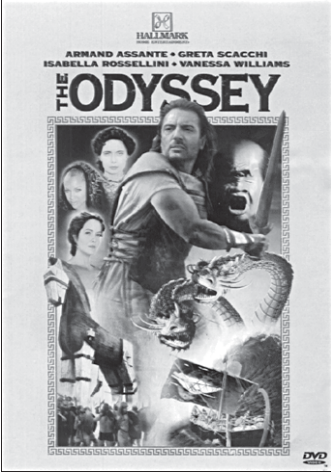
**Echoes**  
*From Concerts Around the World*  
Jagjit Singh & Chitra Singh  
Set of 2 CDs  
Price: Tk. 600.00



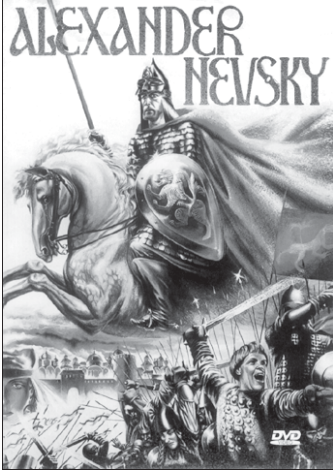
**Awaragi**  
*Collection of Geets and Ghazals (Live)*  
Gulam Ali  
Set of 2 CDs  
Price: Tk. 800.00

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Classic Movies



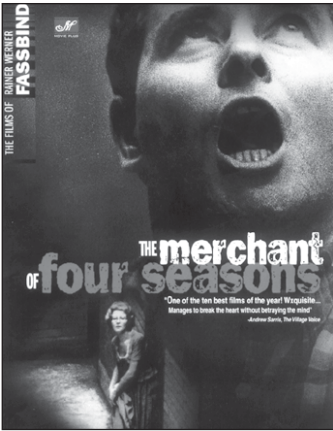
**The Odyssey**  
*Directed by Andrei Konchalovsky*  
Price: Tk. 130.00



**Alexander Nevsky**  
*Directed by Sergei Eisenstein & DI Vassiliev*  
Price: Tk. 120.00

The Merchant of Four Seasons

**Directed by** Rainer Werner Fassbinder  
Price: Tk. 120.00



**Unsolved Mysteries of World War II**  
Set of 5 DVDs  
Price: Tk. 750.00

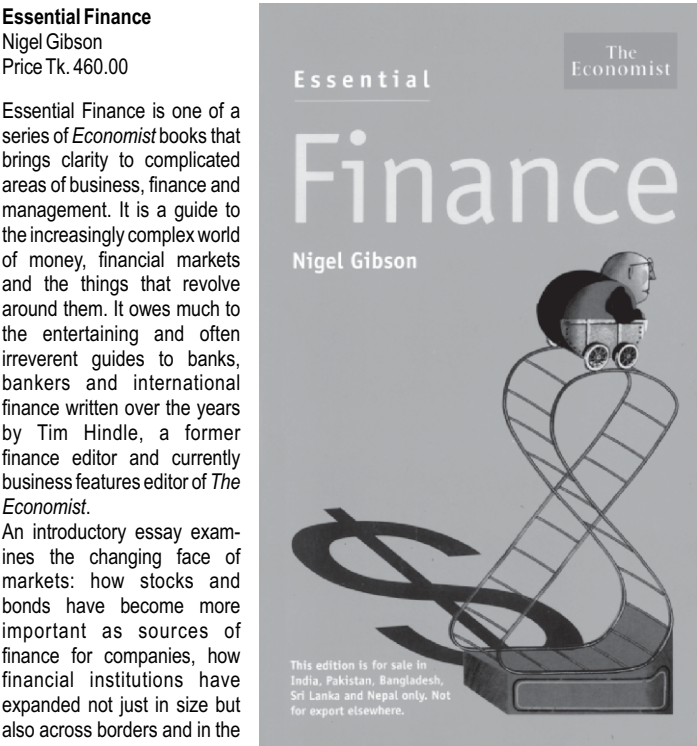
The Eagle & the Swastika

Four days after the Japanese attack upon Pearl Harbour, Adolf Hitler declared war on America. This was the only declaration of war he ever issued, and one which rescued an American President, privately intent on a war with Germany, but hamstrung by popular clamour for a war of retribution against Japan. Why Hitler unilaterally declared declared war on the most powerful neutral nation on earth is a mystery that has never been properly resolved....

The last Days of Hitler

In May 1945 the Third Reich came to an end in the cataclysmic battles of Berlin. When the dust settled on the ruined city thousands of people had simply disappeared, never to be seen again. One such man amongst the thousands missing or lost was Germany's Fuhrer, Adolf Hitler. Today mystery still surrounds his fate. Did he escape from the ruins of his chancellery and seek refuge in South America? Or did Hitler take his own life, by poison capsule or by shooting himself?

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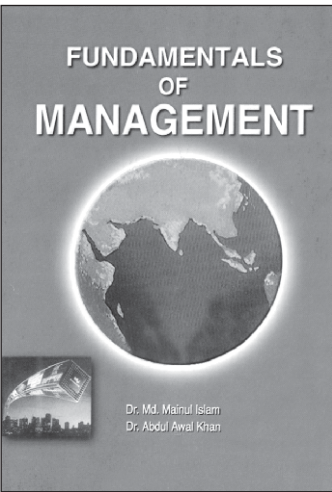


**Essential Finance**  
Nigel Gibson  
Price: Tk. 460.00  
Essential Finance is one of a series of *Economist* books that brings clarity to complicated areas of business, finance and management. It is a guide to the increasingly complex world of money, financial markets and the things that revolve around them. It owes much to the entertaining and often irreverent guides to banks, bankers and international finance written over the years by Tim Hindle, a former finance editor and currently business features editor of *The Economist*. An introductory essay examines the changing face of markets: how stocks and bonds have become more important as sources of finance for companies, how financial institutions have expanded not just in size but also across borders and in the kinds of business they do. The complexity of corporate deals and the speed with which huge amounts of money are moved today have undoubtedly increased the volatility of markets and the risks for investors, risks that are at the same time made worse and spread by the use of derivatives (futures, option and the like).

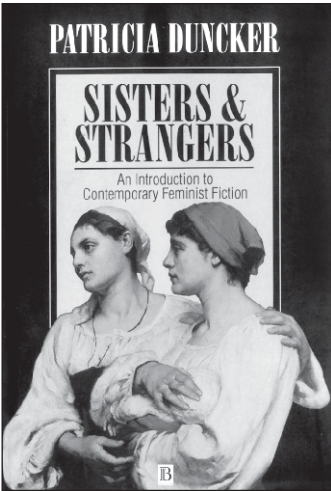
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**Loghucholey Chorabali Khela**  
Auboni Aunarjo  
Price: Tk. 45.00  
Taxila, 41 Aziz Super Market  
Dedicated to generations of poets both from Bangladesh and West Bengal, starting from Balmiki, Kalidas and Omar Khaiyram through Rabindranath Tagore, Kazi Nazrul Islam and Jibanananda Das to Sunil Gangopadhyay, Shamsur Rahman and a few more contemporary poets.



**Fundamentals of Management**  
Dr. M Mainul Islam & Dr. Abdul Awal Khan  
Price: Tk. 200.00  
The book deals with the problems and prospects in management in the Third World. It also contains guidelines for modes of presentation, examples and cases that are very much relevant and easy to conceptualise for both the teachers and students of this faculty.



**Sisters & Strangers**  
*An Introduction to Contemporary Feminist Fiction*  
Price: Tk. 2145.00  
Since 1970 the women's movement has produced a rich and varied collection of feminist fiction. Exciting new writers have produced work that is powerfully original and politically cogent, as well as technically innovative. *Sisters and Strangers* is a radical feminist reading of these texts. Controversial, scholarly and immensely readable throughout, this text is not just a book about feminist writing, but an intervention in contemporary feminist politics. Patricia Duncker examines the early feminist social protest fiction, autobiography, the coming-out narratives, experiments in genre fiction, romance, thrillers and science-fiction.

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