

PICK OF THE WEEK



Our Choice

Empire of the Sun (IMDb rating 7.4)
On HBO, September 27 at 09:30 pm
Directed by Steven Spielberg
Genre: Drama/War
Christian Bale, John Malkovich, Miranda Richardson
Based on JG Ballard's autobiographical novel, it tells the story of a boy, James Graham, whose privileged life is upturned by the Japanese invasion of Shanghai, December 8, 1941. Separated from his parents, he is eventually captured, and taken to Soo Chow confinement camp, next to a captured Chinese airfield. Amidst the sickness and food shortages in the camp, Jim attempts to reconstruct his former life, all the while bringing spirit and dignity to those around him.



The Sport

English Premier Football
League 2004/05
Live from London, England
On Star Sports, September 25 at 07:55 am
Tottenham Hotspur
Vs
Manchester United



The Movie
Behind Enemy Lines (IMDb rating 6.1)
On Star Movies, September 25 at 08:35 pm
Directed by John Moore
Genre: Action/War/Drama/Thriller
Owen Wilson, Gene Hackman, Gabriel Macht
Fighter navigator Chris Burnett was looking for something more than the boring recon missions. On a lone Christmas day mission over war-torn Bosnia, he talks pilot Stackhouse into flying slightly off-course to check out an interesting target, the two get shot down. Burnett is soon alone, trying to outrun a pursuing army, while commanding officer Reigert finds his rescue operation hamstrung by politics, forcing Burnett to run far out of his way.

Satellite TV



The Truman Show (IMDb rating 7.7)
On HBO, September 25 at 11:15 pm
Directed by Peter Weir
Genre: Comedy/Drama/Sci-Fi
Jim Carrey, Laura Linney, Noah Emmerich, Natascha McElhone
In this movie, Jim Carrey is Truman, a man whose life is a fake one... The place he lives in is fact a big studio with hidden cameras everywhere, and all his friends and people around him, are actors who play their roles in the most popular tv-series in the world: The Truman Show. Truman thinks that he is an ordinary man with an ordinary life and has no idea about how he is exploited. Until one day... he finds out everything. Will he react?

Demolition Man (IMDb rating 6.1)
On HBO, September 26 at 08:30 pm
Directed by Marco Brambilla
Genre: Action/Sci-Fi/Comedy/Crime
Sylvester Stallone, Wesley Snipes, Sandra Bullock
John Spartan and his nemesis Simon Phoenix are imprisoned in cryogenic stasis. While in deep freeze John's brain is filled with a love of knitting while Simon gains knowledge in computers, weapons and fighting techniques. The police force of the future is incapable of apprehending Simon after he escapes and the department is forced to wake John. He must cut his way through the totally different world he has awoken in while at the same time trying to find and capture Simon once and for all.



Rush Hour (IMDb rating 6.7)
On HBO, September 29 at 07:30 pm
Directed by Brett Ratner
Genre: Action/Comedy/Thriller/Crime
Jackie Chan, Chris Tucker, Tzi Ma
Hong Kong, the last night of British rule. Detective Inspector Lee, close friend to Consul Han Solon, manages to prevent precious pieces of China's history being smuggled out of the country. Two years later - Consul Han is living in Los Angeles with his family - Crime Lord Jintao takes revenge on him by abducting his young daughter Soo Yung. Han does not trust the FBI to do a good job and has Lee flown in from Hong Kong to assist them. But the FBI officials do not want any help from outside and officially request help from LAPD, who are glad to get rid of Detective James Carter for a while, a big-mouthed work-alone cop who just can't be cool enough. His assignment is to keep Lee as far away from trouble as possible. But Carter and Lee don't like being put aside in that way and start working the case on their own.

Home Alone & Home Alone 2: Lost in New York

Directed by Chris Columbus
Genre: Family/Comedy
Macaulay Culkin, Catherine O'Hara, Joe Pesci, Daniel Stern
On Star Movies, September 28
At 07:00 pm
Home Alone
8-year-old Kevin McAllister is accidentally left behind when his family takes off for a vacation in France over the holiday season. Once he realizes they've left him home by himself, Kevin learns to fend for himself, and eventually has to protect his house against bumbling burglars Harry and Marv, who are planning to rob every house in Kevin's suburban Chicago neighborhood. Kevin's mother Kate is frantic when she realizes that she and the family have unintentionally left Kevin behind in Chicago, and she tries to make it back to Chicago as fast as she can, getting help from a polka band leader named Gus Polinski.



At 08:40 pm
Home Alone 2: Lost in New York
The McAllister family goes on a holiday to Florida. Kevin McAllister gets separated from his family, and manages to get himself onto a plane to New York instead. There, he checks into the best hotel with his father's credit card, and sets out to enjoy himself. Unfortunately, the burglars he had foiled before were in New York after being released from jail, and had plans to rob the biggest toyshop in New York on Christmas Eve. Kevin discovers their plan, and sets out to foil their plots again, while the burglars set out to finish off what they had not done before - the killing of the brat Kevin.

Groundhog Day (IMDb rating 7.9)
On Star Movies, September 26 at 11:00 pm
Directed by Harold Ramis
Genre: Fantasy/Comedy/Romance
Bill Murray, Andie MacDowell, Chris Elliott, Marita Geraghty
A weatherman is reluctantly sent to cover a story about a weather forecasting "rat" (as he calls it). This is his fourth year on the story, and he makes no effort to hide his frustration. On awaking the following day he discovers that it's Groundhog Day again, and again, and again. First he uses this to his advantage, then comes the realisation that he is doomed to spend the rest of eternity in the same place, seeing the same people do the same thing EVERY day.

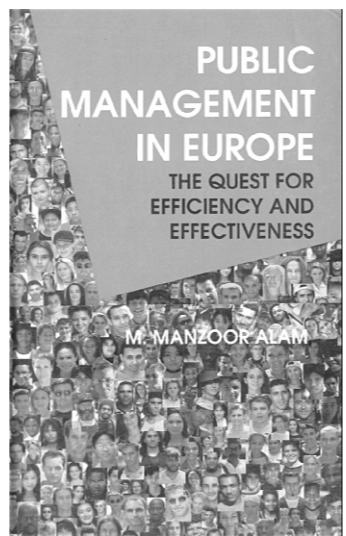


Books

THE INTERNATIONAL MARITIME ORGANISATION
Edited by Samir Mankabady

The International Maritime Organisation Edited by Samir Mankabady Price: Tk. 1000.00
The International Maritime Organisation (IMO) has approved twenty international conventions, adopted more than 500 resolutions and formulated a number of Codes. Many of these international instruments have been amended and thus we have a flood of changes on the rules concerning the ship, cargo, crew and the marine environment. This book is intended to provide a survey of the shipping rules adopted under the auspices of the IMO as well as to give greater emphasis to current trends. Its scope is wide-ranging and, since the measures adopted by the IMO cover a great variety of disciplines, the papers in this book are written by a number of experts with immense scholarship, authority and clarity.

Public Management in Europe
The Quest for Efficiency and Effectiveness
M Manzoor Alam
Price: Tk 250.00
Governing institutions are undergoing profound changes as responsibilities for designing and implementing public policies continue to get a new shape. The magnitude of changes is so great that the nature of responsibilities and mode of operation for the public organizations are beginning to change their shape and character. Governments are confused and unsure to handle the emerging complex problems of the society. Politicians are trying to find alternative solutions and so called 'management solution' is becoming the most favourable alternative. A shift in emphasis in the public management activities has occurred. However, the quality of public management remains to a great extent dependent on those who produce services.



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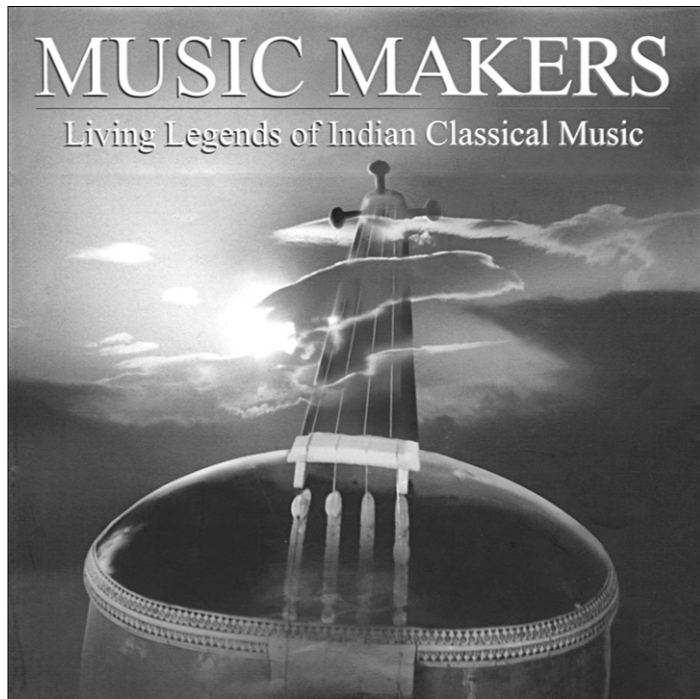
KISHORE KUMAR
The Definitive Biography
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Kishore Valicha, Price: Tk. 425.00
This much-needed biography traces Kishore Kumar's life graph, from his childhood in Khandwa and his early days of struggle to his emergence as a screen hero and, subsequently, his iconic status as a vocalist after the release of Aradhana in 1969.

Vedic Mathematics
Jagadguru Swami Sri, Bhārati Krsna Tirthaji Maharāja, Price: Tk. 330.00
This epoch-making and monumental work on Vedic Mathematics unfolds a new method of approach. It relates to the truth of numbers and magnitudes equally applicable to all sciences and arts. The book brings to light how great and true knowledge is born of intuition, quite different from modern Western method.

Unveiling India
A Woman's Journey
Anees Jung
Price: Tk. 255.00
The women in this book are not extraordinary or famous, and yet their stories and testimonies, narrated here by one of India's best-known women journalists, provide a passionate, often deeply touching, revelation of what it means to be a woman in India today.

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MUSIC MAKERS
Living Legends of Indian Classical Music
Ashok Roy
Price: Tk. 2350.00
While music cannot be captured on paper, one can however make an attempt to project its essence or soul through words and pictures. In presenting brief but insightful profiles of some of the living legends of Indian classical music, this book makes a spirited attempt to paint a timeless portrait of Indian classical music itself. Like a typical recital of Indian classical music, the participation of both the performer and his audience is important for such an attempt to realise its unseen potential. The music maestros that the book deals with include Amjad Ali Khan, Bhimsen Joshi, Bismillah Khan, Hariprasad Chaurasia, Jasraj, Kishori Amonkar, Ravi Shankar, Shiv Kumar Sharma, Zakir Hussain and others.

the algebra of infinite justice
Arundhati Roy
Price: Tk. 530.00
A few weeks after India detonated a thermonuclear device in 1998, Arundhati Roy wrote The End of Imagination. The essay attracted worldwide attention as the voice of a brilliant Indian writer speaking out with clarity and conscience against nuclear weapons. Over the next three and a half years, she wrote a series of political essays on a diverse range of momentous subjects: from the illusory benefits of big dams to the downside of corporate globalisation and the US government's war against terror. The Algebra of Infinite Justice brings together all of Roy's political writings so far.

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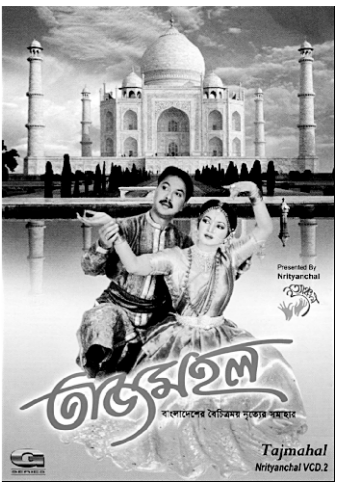
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ষাট বছরের পাঠ
সৈকত হাবিব সম্পাদিত
Banalata Sen: Shat Bachharer Path (Banalata Sen: Studies of Sixty Years)
Edited by Saikat Habib
Price: Tk. 120.00
Not only in the post-Rabindra or twentieth century poetry, but also in the realm of Bangla poetry of thousand years Jibanananda Das is a luminary. Even after fifty years of his death, he has kept Bangla poetry bemused in a trance of awe and is still being discovered. The poem Banalata Sen is his most famous piece which has made him a major poet of the language not only to general readership but also to his contemporary and following generations of critics. This rich collection of critical observations by eminent litterateurs of Bangla literature from both Bangladesh and West Bengal since the wonderful lyrics were published is surely a praiseworthy effort by the young poet-critic-editor Saikat Habib. The book delves deep into discovering Jibanananda Das who, being so known to us, has still remained as much a stranger.

Something's Gotta Give
Directed by Nancy Meyers
Cast: Jack Nicholson, Diane Keaton, Amanda Peet, Keanu Reeves
Price: Tk. 120.00

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CDs & DVDs

Tajmahal
Traditional Dance Pieces of Bangladesh presented by Nityanchal
Price: Tk. 100.00



Raga Series
A. Hariprasad Chaurasia
Price: Tk. 250.00

Ustad Zakir Hussain
Price: Tk. 250.00

রবীন্দ্র ভূবন
Encyclopaedia of Rabindranath Tagore
Price: Tk. 150.00
The CD presents a large view of the poets work and life. The Bangla section of it contains 100 short stories, 12 novels and 30 essays by the Nobel Laureate. The full version of Geetanjali, Shanchaita and Geetobitan has been put in. Recitation and songs are there in Rabindranath's own voice. Besides, songs by Tagore's contemporary artists are also a good attraction of the collection.

Rabindra Bhuban
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The Color Of Paradise
A film by Majid Majidi
Price: 120.00
The Academy Award nominee explores the world of a gifted blind boy at the mercy of his father's crippling sense of shame in The Colour of Paradise. Mohammad joyfully returns to his tiny village on summer vacation from the institute for the blind, unaware of his widowed father's intentions to disown him in order to win the hand and dowry of a local woman.

Braveheart
Directed by Mel Gibson
Cast: Mel Gibson, Sophie Marceau
Price: Tk. 120.00
The 13th century Scottish hero William Wallace leads a spirited nation in a rebellion against oppressive English King Edward I. He leads his fellow Scots in a series of bloody battles that prove a serious threat to English domination and, along the way, has a hushed affair with the Princess of Wales.

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Big Fish
Directed by Tim Burton
Cast: Ewan McGregor, Diane Keaton, Albert Finney, Jessica Lange
Price: Tk. 130.00

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