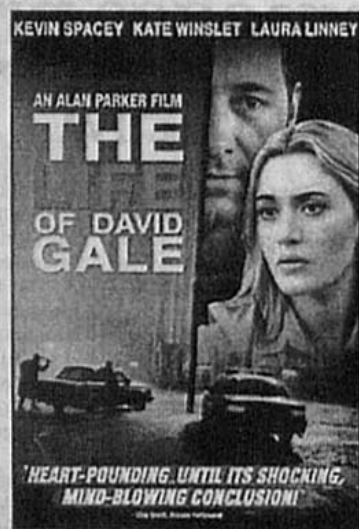


PICK OF THE WEEK



Our Choice

The Life of David Gale (IMDb rating 7.1)
On HBO, October 17 at 08:30 pm
Directed by Alan Parker
Genre: Drama/Crime/Thriller
Kevin Spacey, Kate Winslet, Laura Linney
A University of Texas professor of philosophy and capital punishment abolitionist, David Gale, finds himself on Death Row convicted of murder. Days before his execution, sceptical journalist Bitsey Bloom is sent to conduct David Gale's final interview.



The Sport

New Zealand Tour of

Bangladesh

Pan Pacific Sonargaon Test Series 2004

1st Test

Live from Dhaka, Bangladesh

On ESPN, October 19-23 from 09:20 pm



The Movie

Starship Troopers (IMDb rating 6.6)
On Star Movies, October 21 at 10:30 pm
Directed by Paul Verhoeven
Genre: Sci-Fi/Action
Casper Van Dien, Dina Meyer, Denise Richards
The time is the future. Johnny Rico joins the military after graduation to become a citizen and for the love of his high school sweetheart. In the war against the bug aliens of Klendathu, the military is a very dangerous place to be.

Satellite TV



Boiler Room

(IMDb rating 6.8)
On HBO, October 16 at 09:30 pm
Directed by Ben Younger
Genre: Thriller/Drama/Crime
Giovanni Ribisi, Vin Diesel, Nia Long, Nicky Katt
A morally decent college dropout finds himself at conflict with his harsh federal judge father. He gets a job as a stockbroker and gets on the fast track to success. Only things take a turn for the worst when he learns that his job isn't what it cracked up to be.



The Crimson Rivers

(IMDb rating 6.8)
On HBO, October 21 at 11:30 pm
Directed by Mathieu Kassovitz
Genre: Crime/Drama/Mystery/Thriller
Jean Reno, Vincent Cassel, Nadia Farès, Dominique Sanda
Two French policemen, one investigating a grisly murder at a remote mountain college, the other working on the desecration of a young girl's grave by skinheads, are brought together by the clues from their respective cases. Soon after they start working together, more murders are committed, and the pair begin to discover just what dark secrets are behind the killings.



Windtalkers

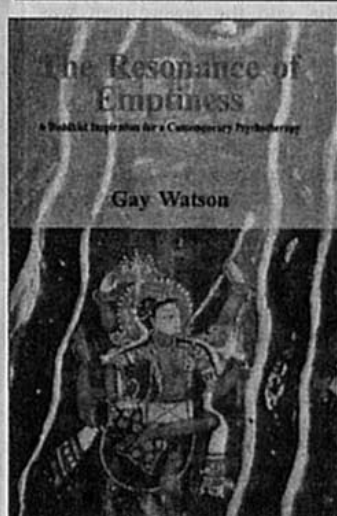
(IMDb rating 5.9)
On Star Movies, October 19 at 10:15 pm
Directed by John Woo
Genre: Action/Drama/War
Nicolas Cage, Adam Beach, Peter Stormare, Noah Emmerich
WWII Joe Enders, a decorated Marine who is by-the-book to a fault, is just coming back on duty by cheating on his medical tests. "Ox" Anderson, much greener, is also getting the same new task: Protect the Navajo code talkers. While Enders is initially frustrated with his assignment, his respect grows as the code talkers prove their worth in the brutal battle to take Saipan.



Barbershop

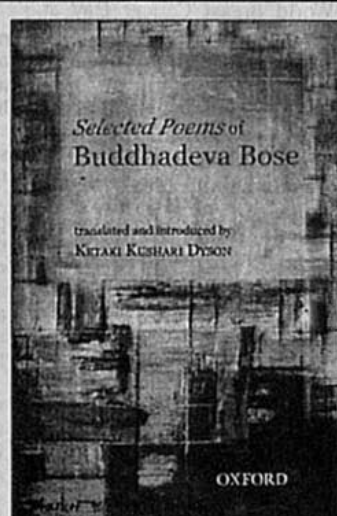
(IMDb rating 6.7)
On Star Movies, October 17 at 08:30 pm
Directed by Tim Story
Genre: Drama/Comedy
Ice Cube, Anthony Anderson, Cedric the Entertainer, Eve
A smart comedy about a day in the life of a barber, Calvin, who inherited the struggling business from his deceased father, views the shop as nothing but a burden and waste of his time. After selling the shop to a local loan shark, Calvin slowly begins to see his father's vision and legacy and struggles with the notion that he just sold it out. Calvin's barbershop is filled with an eclectic and hilarious cast of characters that share their stories, jokes, trials and tribulations. In the shop we find Eddie, an old barber with strong opinions and no customers. Jimmy is a highly educated barber with a superiority complex who can't stand Isaac, the new, white barber who just wants a shot at cutting some hair.

Books

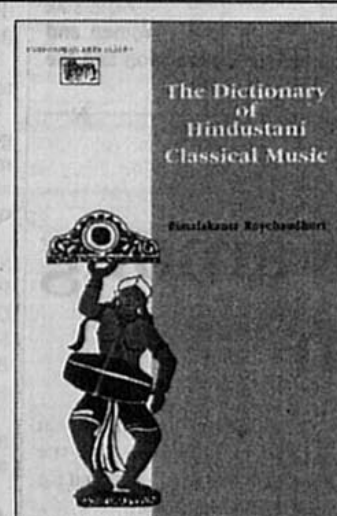


The Resonance of Emptiness
A Buddhist Inspiration for a Contemporary Psychotherapy
Gay Watson, Price: Tk. 500.00
This book presents an exploration of Buddhist philosophy and practice as a potential resource for an approach to psychotherapy which is responsive to the needs of its time and context, and attempts to open up a three-way dialogue between Buddhism, psychotherapy and contemporary discourse to reveal a meaningful theory and practice for a contemporary psychotherapy. What is unique about this book is that it raises the question of what it is in Buddhism itself that provides such a rich resource for psychotherapy. Gay Watson firmly places her exploration of these themes within the context of contemporary life and thought, as a response to the pathologies, physical and intellectual, of our time. Organised according to the traditional Tibetan plan of Ground, Path and Fruition, the book first presents a brief survey of Western psychotherapies followed by an introduction to Buddhist views, with particular reference to those most relevant to psychotherapy.

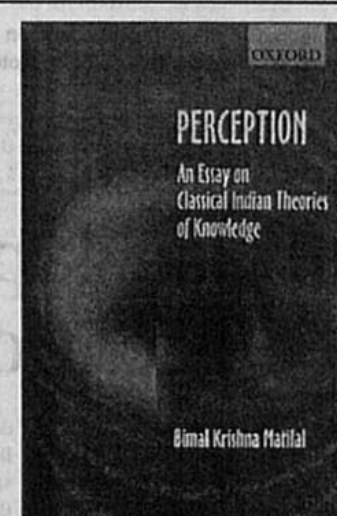
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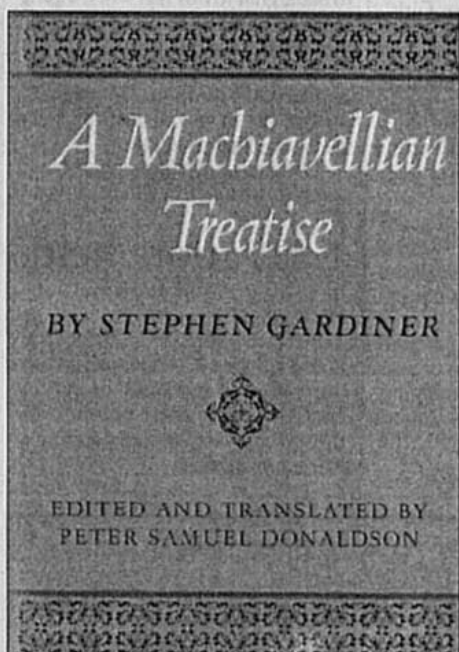
Selected Poems of Buddhadeva Bose
Translated by Ketaki Kushari Dyson
Price: Tk. 935.00
Buddhadeva Bose (1907-74) is now being recognised as one of the most multitalented amongst the post-Tagore generation of Bengali writers. A versatile writer—comfortable in genres as diverse as poetry, novels, short stories, drama, essays, travelogues, and memoirs—he was also an influential editor and critic, a translator of poetry who had a profound impact on younger poets, a writer for children, and a pioneer in comparative literary studies. He set up the Department of Comparative Literature at Jadavpur University, Kolkata, and held visiting appointments at several American campuses. Bose came into prominence in the thirties, when he founded the poetry quarterly Kavita, which he edited for a quarter-century. Kavita became the leading Bengali poetry magazine of its time and was also an important vehicle for the discussion and review of poetry.



The Dictionary of Hindustani Classical Music
Bimal Krishna Matilal
Price: Tk. 520.00
In this book the author has dealt with the musical terms as found in the old sastras and are also in common use. He has explained these terms in simple language with reference to their history of origin. Description of seventy-eight different musical instruments and forty-seven different Talas are also there. An essential aid to research-scholars and students of music. The Bengali version of the book *Bharatiya Sangeetkosh* earned for him "Sangeet Natak Academy" award as the best book on music published during the period from 1960 to 1968. Pandit Ravisankar, in his book "Rag Anurag" (in Bengali) has remarked on this book (Bengali version) as follows: "... a monumental work. I am yet to see a better, more informative book on Indian music."

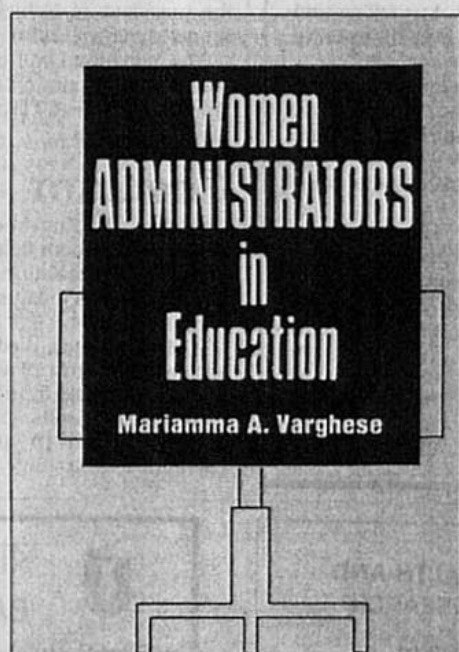


Perception
An Essay on Classical Indian Theories of Knowledge
Bimal Krishna Matilal
Price: Tk. 1095.00
In this insightful philosophical discussion of perception, renowned scholar Bimal K. Matilal examines theories of knowledge and ontological concerns as they developed within schools of philosophy in classical India between AD 100 and 1400. Matilal focuses on the clash between the realism of the Nyaya-Vaisesika school and the phenomenalistic idealism of Buddhist philosophical thought (particularly as propounded by the Sautrantika and Yogacara sub-schools). The debate between these schools continued for over twelve centuries and encompassed assumptions about the nature of perception, the status of the external world, and the criteria of knowledge. Matilal approaches these parallel and opposed traditions of thought from a historical perspective, reconstructing the debates in the context of their origin.

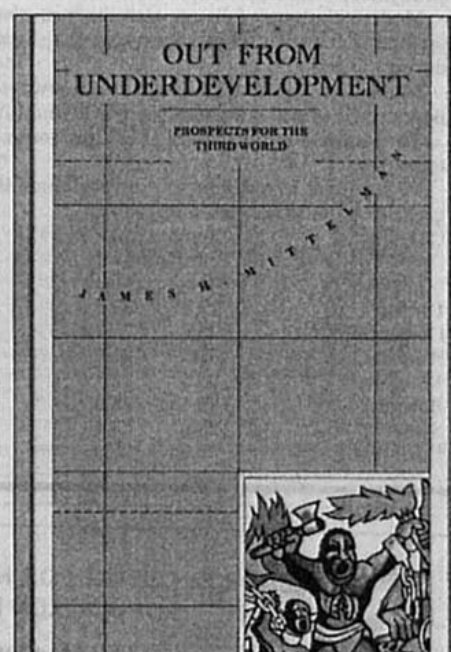


A Machiavellian Treatise
Stephen Gardiner
Edited & Translated by Peter Samuel Donaldson
Price: Tk. 1200.00
This is the first printed edition of the last treatise of Stephen Gardiner, Lord Chancellor under Mary Tudor. In this work, which has survived only in manuscript form and in Italian, Gardiner analyses the great dynastic changes in England's past in order to provide Philip II with a guide to ruling England and establishing a Catholic dynasty. He adapts historical example to practical political purposes with great subtlety, quoting at length (but without saying so) from Machiavelli to show that a new prince can rule England—if he eliminates those of royal blood and respects the laws and customs of his new possessions.

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Women Administrators in Education
Mariamma A. Varghese
Price: Tk. 300.00
Higher education and research play an important role in the development of the nation when both men and women are equally trained for the management of education. If the system of management of higher education and research is weak, it adversely affects the role performance of higher education as well as the system of management in schools and colleges. Consequently, other sectors of economic and social life also suffer. Persons educated in institutions of higher education occupy key positions in education and other important sectors. It is, therefore, imperative that the system of higher education and research is planned and managed in the best possible manner.



Out from Underdevelopment
Prospects for the Third World
James H. Mittelman
Price: Tk. 1000.00
Claiming that Third World countries are not caught in a hopeless situation, James H. Mittelman analyses alternative strategies for overcoming underdevelopment. His thesis is that, unlike policies that fully embrace or repudiate global capitalism, a strategy of balancing the ties of dependency offers a clear chance for productive economic growth on terms consistent with the needs and aspirations of ordinary people. The key elements of this strategy are reducing reliance on global capitalism, setting limits to exploitation, and seizing the contradictions driving the world system. To work, restructuring requires a strong political will and mass support.

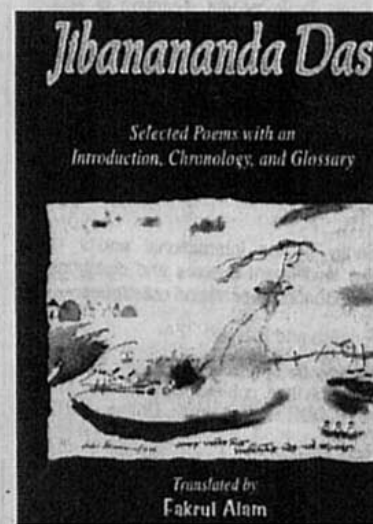
Rotting from the Head

Donors and LDC Corruption
Edited by Salim Rashid
Price: Tk. 550.00
This book asks whether the corruption prevalent is not often deliberately caused by the donor agencies themselves. Civil society and aid agencies have persistently and widely trumpeted the rampant corruption within the bureaucracy and political bodies in the Third World as the primary obstacle to sustainable development but the central role of donors in this matter has not been carefully analysed. This issue is thus a radically new addition to the literature on development. The essays introduce the general problem of corruption and development in the Third World as well as the nature and role of the aid agencies. They examine the impact of the donors—IMF, the World Bank and USAID—on the LDC's through institutional and statistical analysis. It is the apparent ineffectual and even counter-productive nature of development aid that leads us to ask whether the source of the problem could not be the aid agencies themselves.

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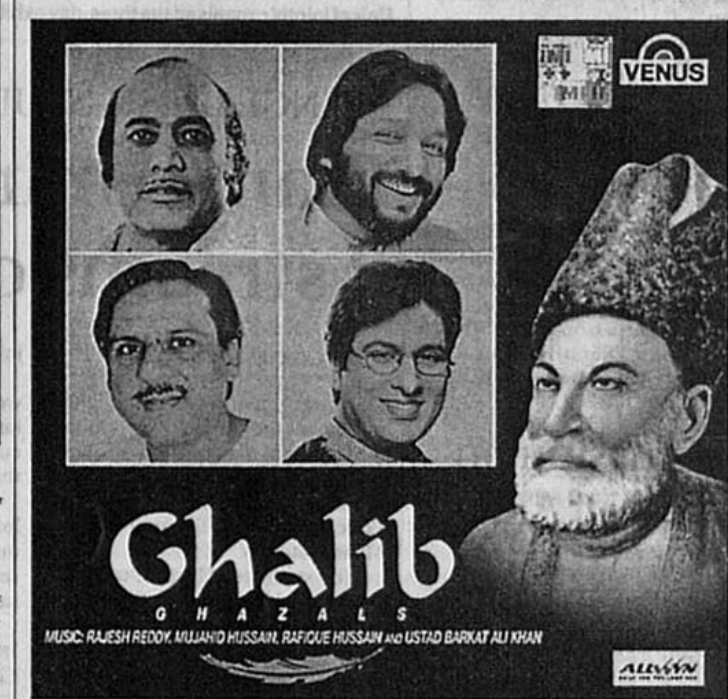
Jibanananda Das

Selected Poems with an Introduction, Chronology, and Glossary
Translated by Fakrul Alam
Price: Tk. 290.00
Jibanananda Das (1899-1954) is one of the most important poets of Bengal. Nevertheless, he remains a poet little known outside West Bengal and Bangladesh. Perhaps due to the absence of competent translations into English and other languages, Das's achievement as a poet remains unrepresented in world literature. This selection of poems is designed to emphasize how Das's poems are great treasures of our literature through the medium of translation. Fakrul Alam's uniquely competent English translations were done originally mark the birth centenary celebrations of Jibanananda Das this year (1999). In this second edition, he has translated a few more poems to show even more fully the range of Das's verse. Lovers of poetry outside the Bengali-speaking world should get a sense of the richness of Das's poetry, his growth as a poet, and the extraordinary range of his work through these translations.



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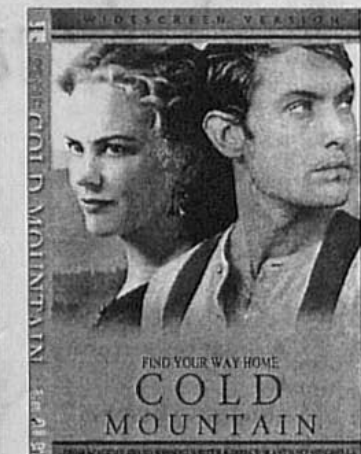
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Classic Movies



Chasing Liberty

Directed by Andie Macdonald
Cast: Mandy Moore, Matthew Goode
Price: Tk. 130.00
Anna Foster is just like any other 18-year-old—she wants to travel on her own and experience life. There's one problem, though: She's the only daughter of the president of the United States. That means Secret Service bodyguards follow her everywhere. While she's accompanying her father on a trip to Europe, he agrees to give her one night on her own. But when he breaks his promise, Anna says enough. She manages to escape her security detail with the help of a handsome stranger, and the two start an adventurous whirlwind romance while trekking across Europe.



Cold Mountain

Directed by Sydney Pollack-William Horbath
Cast: Jude Law, Nicole Kidman, Rene Zellweger
Price: Tk. 130.00
Cold Mountain based on the best-selling, national book award-winning novel by Charles Frazier, the story focuses on a wounded Civil War soldier, Inman, who gets up from what doctors suspected was his deathbed and begins the long, difficult walk home to cold mountain, NC. So he can be with the woman, he loves and left behind three years earlier, Ada, in man encounters many obstacles along the way. Ada, heart-broken, lonely, and struggling to care for her deceased dad's farm, receives a helping hand in the form of a sassy hard-working wanderer, who is estranged from her.

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