

PICK  
OF THE  
WEEK

## Our Choice

Miss Congeniality (IMDb rating 6.2)

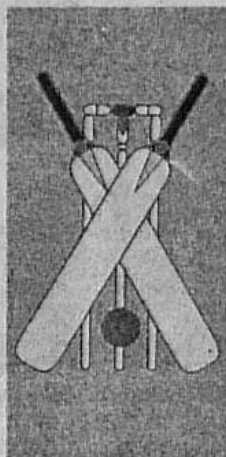
On HBO, December 09 at 11:30 pm

Directed by Donald Petrie

Genre: Action/Comedy

Sandra Bullock, Michael Caine, Benjamin Bratt

When a serial killer indicates that his next target is the Miss United States beauty pageant, the FBI decides that they must get an undercover agent as a participant in the contest. A search uncovers no suitable candidate other than a bumbling female agent. She enters as Miss New Jersey. When the killer is suddenly caught, everything seems to be over, except the female agent tries to convince her boss that something is still not right.



## The Sport

India Tour of Bangladesh

1st Test, Day 1

Live from Dhaka, Bangladesh

On ESPN, December 09 at 09:30 am



## The Movie

Rushmore (IMDb rating 7.7)

On Star Movies, December 07 at 07:00 pm

Directed by Wes Anderson

Genre: Romance/Comedy/Drama

Jason Schwartzman, Bill Murray, Olivia Williams

Max Fischer is a more than a determined student at his prep school, Rushmore Academy where he overdoes anything with the word "extra-curricular". He befriends a pre-school teacher named Ms. Cross, whom he ends up falling in love with. Only to find things take a turn for the worst when his mentor, Herman Blume, an unhappy millionaire falls for her as well. As a result, their personal and professional lives spiral out of control.

## Satellite TV



Hard Target (IMDb rating 5.4)

On HBO, December 05 at 08:30 pm

Directed by John Woo

Genre: Action/Thriller

Jean-Claude Van Damme, Chuck Pfarrer, Arnold Vosloo, Yancy Butler, Lenore Banks

Natasha Binder comes to New Orleans looking for her father, who has gone missing. In doing so, she meets a very hard man called Chance. He helps her find out that her father was killed by an organisation who sell the opportunity to hunt human prey. They are taking advantage of a police strike in New Orleans. Will the Muscles from Brussels win through?



Arachnophobia (IMDb rating 6.1)

On Star Movies, December 05 at 10:15 pm

Directed by Frank Marshall

Genre: Comedy/Sci-Fi/Thriller/Horror

Jeff Daniels, Harley Jane Kozak, John Goodman, Julian Sands

A large spider from the jungles of South America is accidentally transported in a crate with a dead body to America where it mates with a local spider. Soon after, the residents of a small California town disappear as the result of spider bites from the deadly spider offspring. It's up to a couple of doctors with the help of an insect exterminator to annihilate these eight legged freaks before they take over the entire town.

## Die Hard

(IMDb rating 8.0)

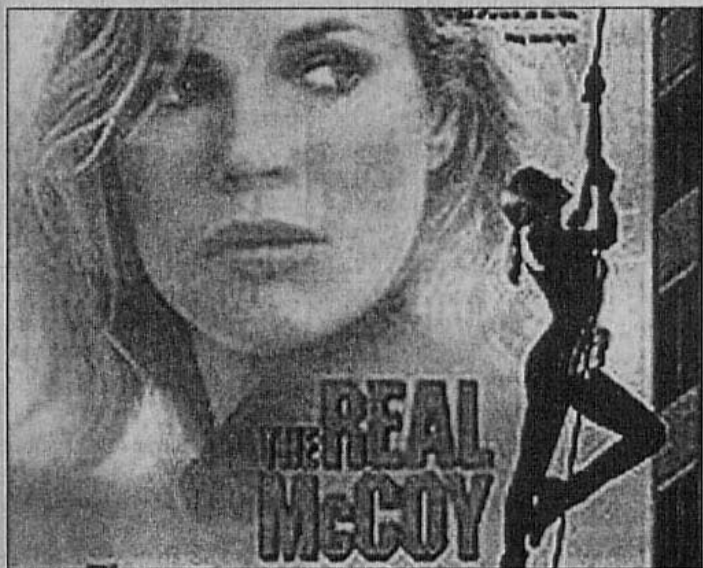
On Star Movies, December 08 at 07:00 pm

Directed by John McTiernan

Genre: Action/Thriller

Bruce Willis, Alan Rickman, Bonnie Bedelia

New York cop John McClane flies to Los Angeles on Christmas eve to spend the holidays with his family. He arrives at the Nakatomi corp. building for his wife's office party. International terrorists take over the building and hold every one as hostage to steal \$800 million of bonds from the vaults of the building. Now it's up to McClane to face the terrorists and save his wife and the other hostages.



The Real McCoy (IMDb rating 5.2)

On Star Movies, December 09 at 07:00 pm

Directed by Russell Mulcahy

Genre: Drama/Action/Crime/Thriller

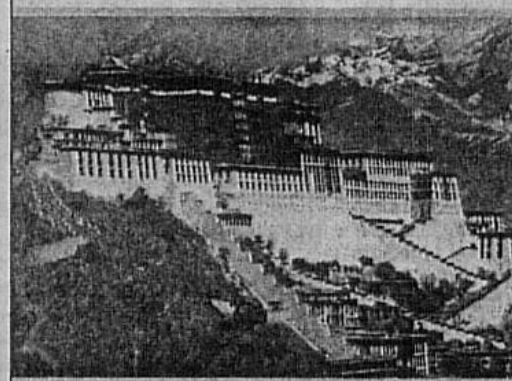
Kim Basinger, Val Kilmer, Terence Stamp, Gailard Sartain

In this attempted Kim Basinger vehicle, a woman is released from prison with only the clothes on her back and a condom. She was an expert bank robber, but now she just wants to settle down and go straight. Unfortunately, her ex-husband won't let her see her little boy, and her parole officer and her former employer are trying to get her to do one more bank robbery. Also, the condom is never used.

## Books

THE LAND  
OF BLISS

The Paradise of the Buddha of Measureless Light



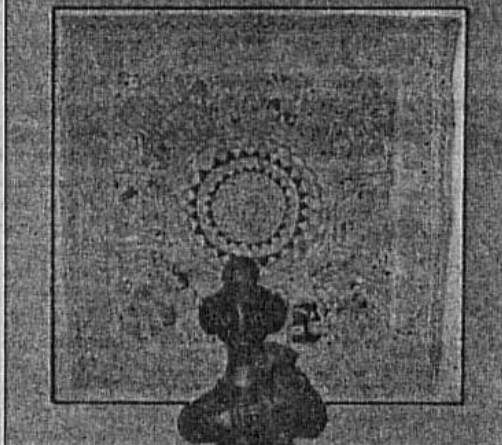
The Land of Bliss

The Paradise of the Buddha of Measureless Light

Luis O Gómez

Price: Tk. 500.00

This is a free translation of two Buddhist texts on what is arguably the most popular of all Buddhist conceptions of an ideal world, the 'Land of Bliss' of the Buddha Amitayus, the Buddha of Infinite Light. The two texts, known to Western students of Buddhism as the 'Smaller' and 'Larger' *Sukhavatya Sūtra*, explain the conditions that lead to rebirth in the Pure Land and the manner in which human beings are reborn there.

FOLKLORE  
OF  
BANGLADESH

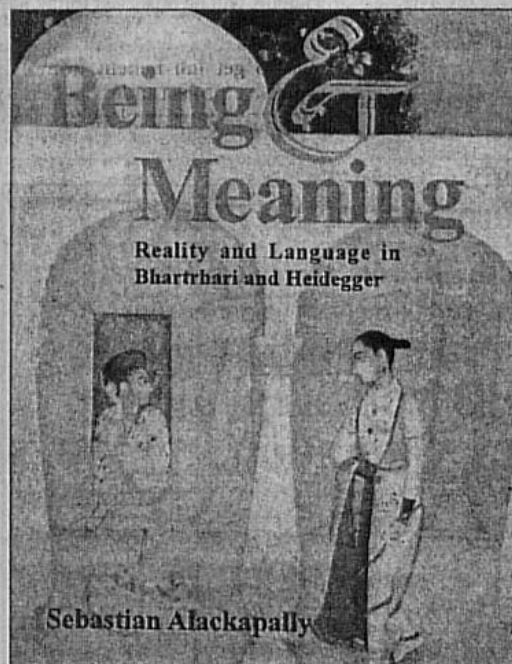
Folklore of Bangladesh

Edited by Shamsuzzaman Khan

Set of 2 volumes

Price: Tk. 350.00

Bangladesh is in the process of transformation both socially and economically in view of industrialisation and urbanisation. This transformation demands that our folklorists pay particular attention to regional variations in folklife and material folk culture before they become more standardised. In the process of change the relationship of rural and urban images as well as old and new traditions need to be taken into account. The books cover a vast area of our folklore realm.



Being &amp; Meaning

Reality and Language in

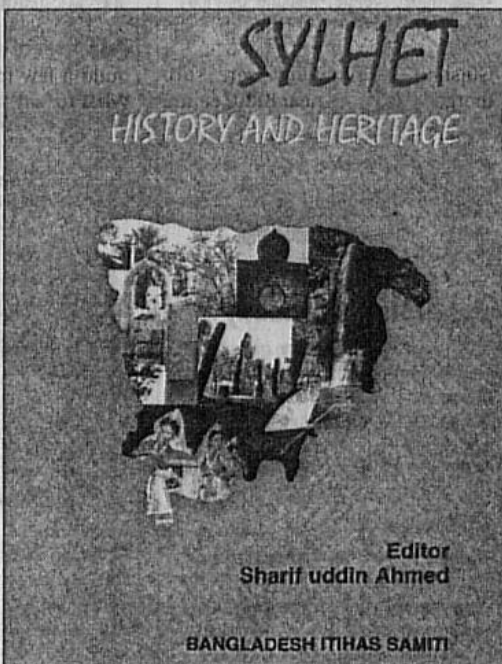
Bhartrhari and Heidegger

Sebastian Alickapally

Price: Tk. 850.00

It is comparative study of the concepts of Being and language in Bhartrhari and Martin Heidegger, emphasising the universality of their thinking. Language in Bhartrhari's vision is the medium of the self-expression for the Ultimate Reality. In Heidegger's thinking language is the Original Utterance which Being speaks to man. Being expresses itself in language, and phenomena in the world occur simultaneously with the occurrence of language. Bhartrhari and Heidegger lead one to the belonging togetherness of Being and being beyond all conceptualising, transcending the bounds of orient and Occident.

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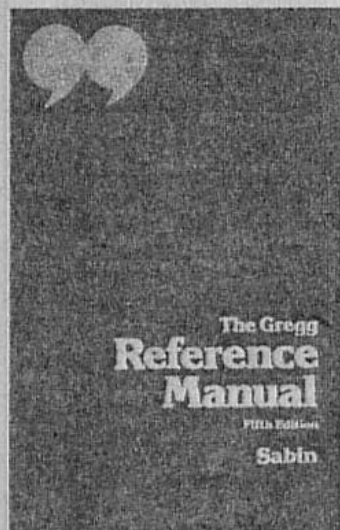
Sylhet

History and Heritage

Edited by Sharifuddin Ahmed

Price: Tk. 625.00

It is a collection of articles presented by renowned national and foreign scholars at an international seminar on the history and heritage of Sylhet held in the historic city itself in 1998. The dominant idea behind the project, of which another title is *Dinajpur: History and Heritage*, is to reconstruct a true national history by producing a series of local history studies based on scientific research. Besides, one of the important objectives of the project is to bring out the variety in the local history and tradition as well as the diversity in culture and heritage of different regions of Bangladesh that have made the land unique and beautiful. The 62 articles included in this book show the varied characteristics of the Sylhet region.

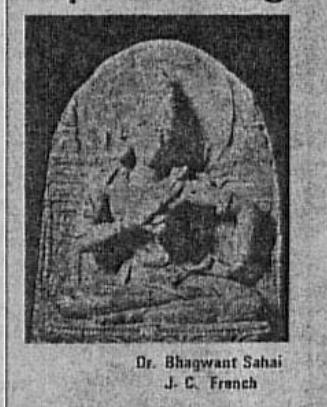


The Gregg Reference Manual

William A Sabin

Price: Tk. 500.00

The book is intended for anyone who writes, transcribes, or types. It presents the basic rules that apply in virtually every piece of business writing, as well as the fine points that occur infrequently but cause trouble when they do. It offers an abundance of examples and illustrations so that one can quickly find a model on which to pattern a solution to a specific problem. It also provides the rationale underlying specific rules so that one can manipulate the principles of style with intelligence and taste.

The Art of the Pal  
Empire of Bengal

The Art of the Pal

Dr Bhagwant Sahai &amp; JC French

Price: Tk. 400.00

The Pal dynasty which emerges about the middle of the eighth century AD, was a single ruling dynasty for about four centuries in the Eastern part of the country. The work presents the origin and development of the art, stone sculptures, bronze statuettes, terracotta plaques, painting that flourished in Bihar and Bengal during the Pal period. Thirty-two illustrations considerably add to the value of the work for the study of Indian art.



The Home Help Service

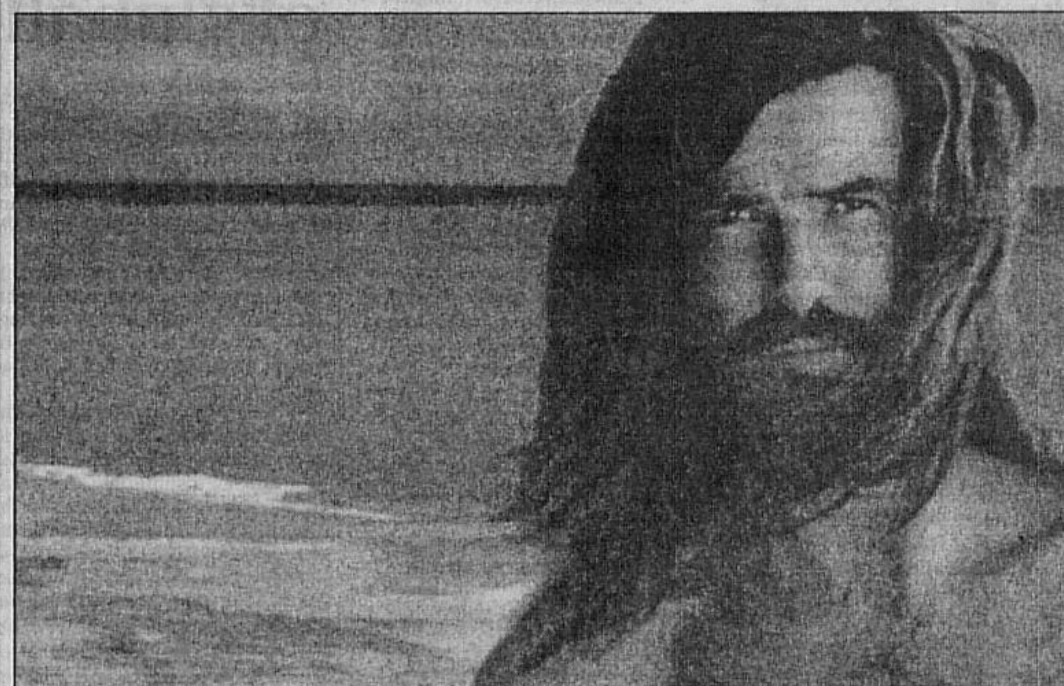
Margaret Dexter &amp; Wally Harbert

Price: Tk. 900.00

The book argues that the home help should be seen as a central figure in planning for the comprehensive care of the growing numbers of very elderly people in the population, and for other groups such as families in which there is mental handicap, mental illness, child abuse, or severe physical handicap. They examine many different experimental schemes for training and organisation that have been introduced in other countries.

## DVDs

## Classic Films

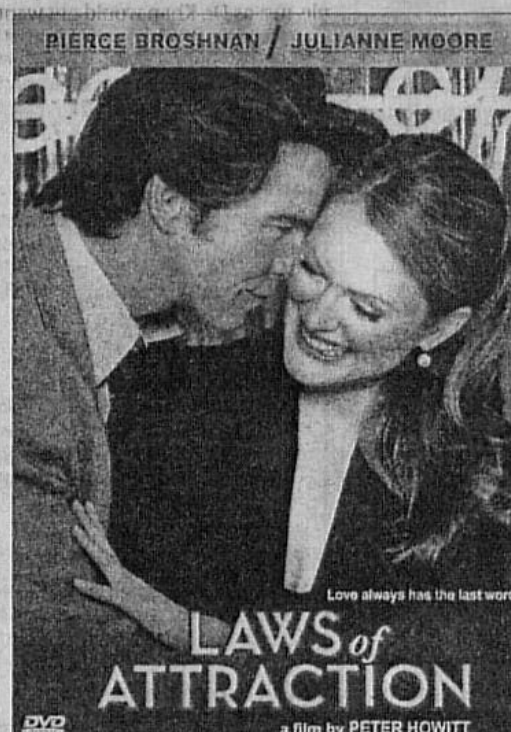


## Robinson Crusoe

Directed by Rod Hardy &amp; George Miller

Cast: Pierce Brosnan, Lysette Anthony, Sean Brosnan, Ian Hart, William Takaku

Robinson Crusoe is an adventurer who hopes to find fame and fortune on the high seas, but a fierce ocean storm wrecks his ship and leaves him stranded by himself on an uncharted island. Left to fend for himself, Crusoe seeks out a tentative survival on the island, until he meets Friday, a tribesman living on the island. Initially, Crusoe is thrilled to finally have a friend, but when he discovers another tribe is also living on the island, he comes mad with power and insists that he be the sole ruler of all he surveys.

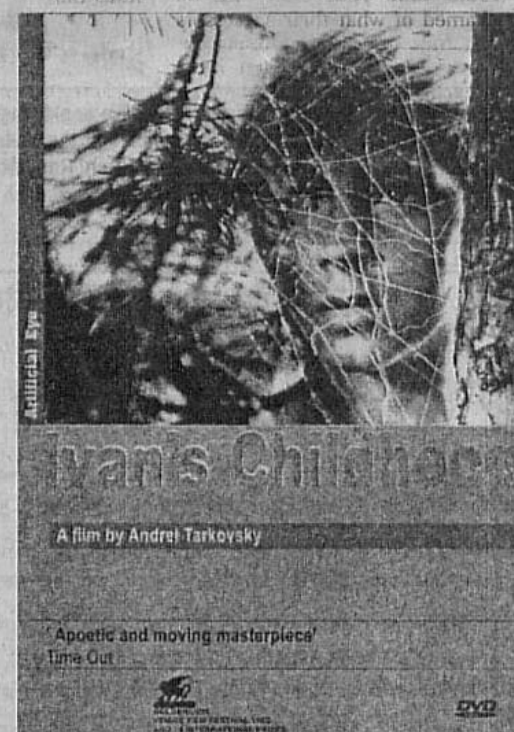


Laws of Attraction

Directed by Peter Howitt

Pierce Brosnan, Julianne Moore, Michael Sheen, Parker Posey

This is the story of two New York divorce attorneys who are often competing against each other, but end up in a relationship nonetheless. When they get married, can they avoid the same issues at home that lead people to provide them business at work?



Ivan's Childhood

Directed by Andrei Tarkovsky

Nikolai Burlyayev, Valentin Zubkov, Yevgeni Zharikov

12-year old Ivan works as a spy at the eastern front. The small Ivan can cross the German lines unnoticed to collect information. Three Soviet officers try to take care of this boy-child.

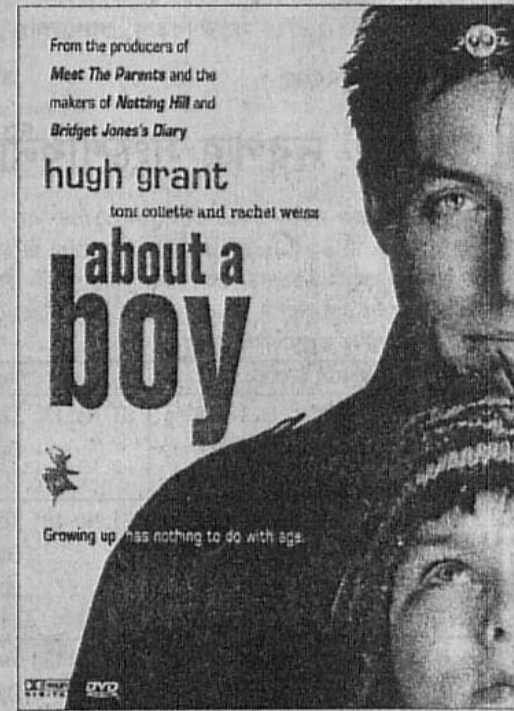


Empire of the Sun

Directed by Steven Spielberg

Christian Bale, John Malkovich, Miranda Richardson, Nigel Havers

An aristocratic British youth is separated from his family at the start of World War II after the Japanese Army invades British controlled areas of China. Reduced to living on the street and fighting for food, the youth is eventually interned in a Japanese POW camp for British civilians. Here, admiration quickly develops both for captured American pilots and the Japanese themselves. When the war ends, the boy torn from everything he knew attempts to again find his parents.



About a Boy

Directed by Chris Weitz &amp; Paul Weitz

Hugh Grant, Toni Collette, Rachel Weisz

Will Lightman is a hip Londoner who one day realizes that his friends are all involved with the responsibilities of married life and that leaves him alone in the cold. Passing himself as a single father, he starts to meet a string of single mums, confident in his ability to leave them behind when they start to ask for a commitment. But Will's hope of a continued bachelorhood is interrupted when he meets 12-year old Marcus, in many ways his complete opposite.

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