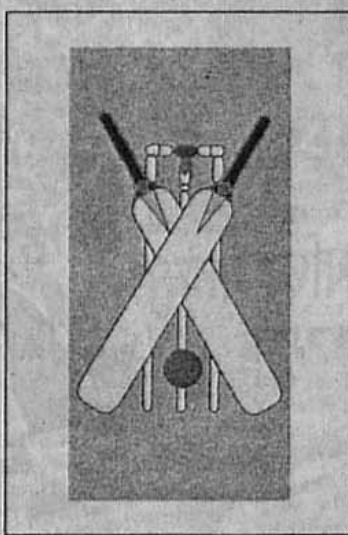


PICK OF THE WEEK



Our Choice

The Godfather: Part II (IMDb rating 8.9)
 On HBO, December 21 at 01:15 pm
 Directed by Francis Ford Coppola
 Genre: Crime/Drama
 Al Pacino, Robert Duvall, Diana Keaton, Robert De Niro, John Cazale, Talia Shire
 The continuing saga of the Corleone crime family tells the story of a young Vito Corleone growing up in Sicily and in 1910s New York; and follows Michael Corleone in the 1950s as he attempts to expand the family business into Las Vegas, Hollywood and Cuba.



The Sport

India Tour of Bangladesh
 2nd Test
 Live from Chittagong, Bangladesh
 On ESPN, December 17-21 at 09:30 am



The Movie

Solaris (IMDb rating 6.4)
 On Star Movies, December 19 at 07:00 pm
 Directed by Steven Soderbergh
 Genre: Drama/Romance/Sci-Fi
 George Clooney, Natascha McElhone, Viola Davis, Jeremy Davies, Ulrich Tukur
 Upon arrival at the space station orbiting an ocean world called Solaris a psychologist discovers that the commander of an expedition to the planet has died mysteriously. Other strange events soon start happening as well, such as the appearance of old acquaintances of the crew, including some who are dead.

Satellite TV



Enough

(IMDb rating 4.9)
 On HBO, December 18 at 09:30 pm
 Directed by Michael Apted
 Genre: Drama/Thriller
 Jennifer Lopez, Bill Campbell, Tessa Allen, Juliette Lewis
 An abused woman discovers that the dream man she married wasn't whom she thought he was. She and her daughter try to escape such as to her previous boyfriend played by Futterman, but he pursues relentlessly. Fearing also for the safety of her daughter, she decides that there's only one way out of the marriage: kill him.



The Witches of Eastwick (IMDb rating 6.3)
 On HBO, December 19 at 08:30 pm
 Directed by George Miller
 Genre: Comedy/Fantasy/Horror
 Jack Nicholson, Cher, Susan Sarandon, Alex, Jane, and Suki are three bored New England woman left to live without their husbands. They innocently conjure up a mysterious man, who could satisfy all their desires. A new man moves into town—and he fits the bill perfectly. Daryl Van Home is filthy rich and wild eyed, and within days the three women have all discovered almighty power within themselves. Will good triumph over evil, or will Daryl continue to have his evil way with his witches?



Thirteen Ghosts (IMDb rating 5.0)
 On HBO, December 20 at 07:45 pm
 Directed by Steve Beck
 Genre: Horror/Thriller/Comedy
 Tony Shalhoub, Embeth Davidtz, Matthew Lillard
 Arthur and his two children, Kathy and Bobby, inherit a glass house where a group of angry ghosts have been locked away by his late uncle. When the family, accompanied by Bobby's Nanny and an attorney journey to the house they get more than they bargained for when the house traps them inside and the ghosts are set free. Aided by Dennis, a ghost hunter, and his rival Kalina, a ghost rights activist out to set the ghosts free, the group must do what they can to get out of the house alive.



Heathers

(IMDb rating 7.4)
 On Star Movies, December 18 at 11:00 pm
 Directed by Michael Lehmann
 Genre: Comedy/Crime/Drama/Romance
 Winona Ryder, Christian Slater, Shannen Doherty, Lisanne Falk, Kim Walker
 Three high school girls named Heather run an iron clad social clique at high school. One of their anteates, Veronica, isn't sure she wants to fit into the clique, particularly when she has to snub some of her old friends at the Heathers' behest. When Veronica meets the new guy at school, she starts pulling away from the clique, while some of the more popular students start showing up dead with suicide notes.



Dust Devil (IMDb rating 5.4)
 On Star Movies, December 22 at 10:15 pm
 Directed by Richard Stanley
 Genre: Horror
 John Matshikiza, Robert John Burke, Terri Norton, Chelsea Field
 A shape shifter comes from the desert in search of victims, a spirit the locals call the dust devil. He preys on the lonely and the unloved, those that have already lost everything but life itself. Wendy has broken up with her husband and wanders aimlessly in her car.



Wrong Turn (IMDb rating 5.8)
 On Star Movies, December 23 at 08:50 pm
 Directed by Rob Schmidt
 Genre: Horror/Thriller
 Desmond Harrington, Eliza Dushku, Emmanuelle Chriqui, Jeremy Sisto, Kevin Zegers
 Wrong Turn is an independently-made horror film about a group of five youths on a hiking trip in the Appalachians of West Virginia who become prey to a family of cannibalistic mountain men who have become horribly disfigured through generations of in-breeding.

Books

Two Books on Lalon



Lalon Dhormiyo Darshaner Mohaguru
 Price: Tk. 250.00



Lalon Sangeetay Atmodarshan
 Price: Tk. 200.00

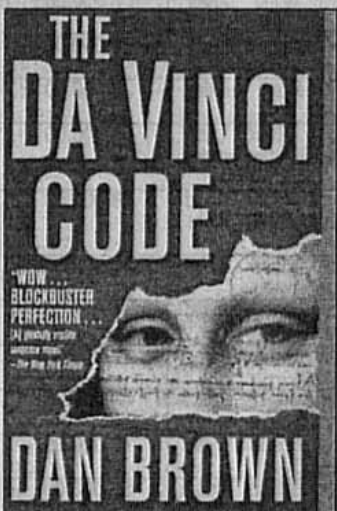


Shahitye Nari Jiboner Rupayon

(Portrayal of Women in Literature)
 Syed Anowarul Haque
 Price: Tk. 200.00
 The book contains eleven essays on the portrayal of women in literature ranging from classic Greek, Latin and Indian literature to the post-World War II British and American literature. The women characters discussed in these essays are: Homer's Helen, Virgil's Dido, Balmiki's Sita, John Webster's Vitoria and Duchess, Jane Austen's Mrs Bennet, Thomas Hardy's Tess, Henry James' Isabel, Henrik Ibsen's Nora, DH Lawrence's Mrs Morell, EM Forster's Mrs Moor and Edella, Eugene O'Neil's Nina, Ernest Hemingway's Bret, Catherine and Maria, and Saul Bellow's Angelia, Margaret, Ramona and Renata.

Moromibader Mahan Drasta Nazrul Islam
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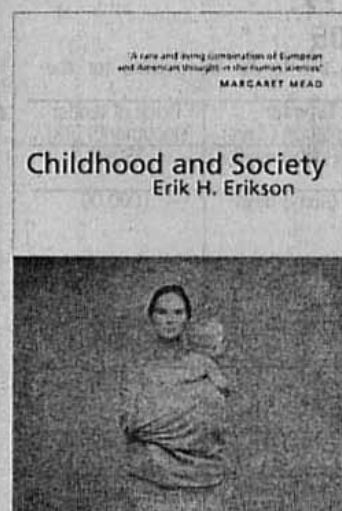
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The Da Vinci Code
 Dan Brown
 Price: Tk. 850.00
 While in Paris, Harvard symbologist Robert Langdon is awakened by a phone call in the dead of the night. The elderly curator of the Louvre has been murdered inside the museum, his body and the floor around him covered in baffling symbols. As Langdon and a gifted French cryptologist, Sophie Neveu, sort through the bizarre riddles, they are stunned to discover a trail of clues hidden in the works of Leonardo Da Vinci—clues visible for all to see and yet ingeniously disguised by the painter.



The Selected Poetry of Rainer Maria Rilke
 Edited and Translated by Stephen Mitchell
 Price: Tk. 725.00
 Stephen Mitchell's translations bring the qualities that one would most cherish in the originals into English with new intimacy and authority. Rilke's voice, with its extraordinary combination of formality, power, speed and lightness, can be heard in Mitchell's versions more clearly than in many others.

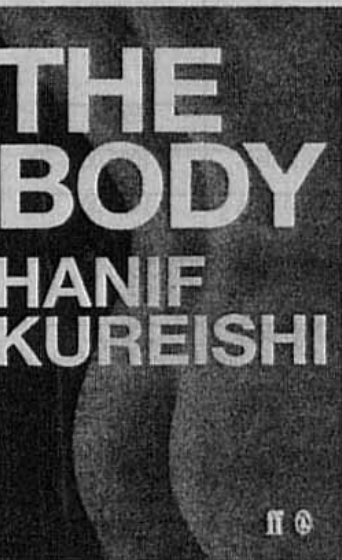


Childhood and Society
 Erik H. Erikson
 Price: Tk. 895.00
 With this deeply influential book, which is now internationally recognised as a classic study of childhood and its social significance, Professor Erikson has made an outstanding contribution to the study of human behaviour. Drawing on psychoanalytical theory and his own clinical experience, he devotes the main chapters to anxiety in young children, apathy in American Indians, confusion in veterans of war, and arrogance in young Nazis.



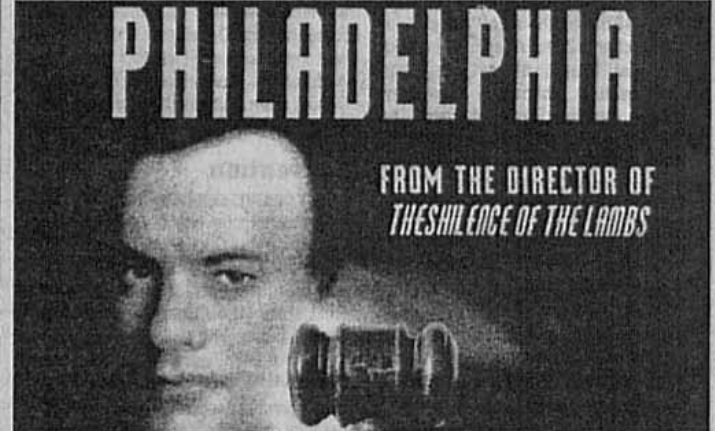
Gender, Peace & Conflict
 Edited by Inger Skjelsbaek & Dan Smith
 Price: Tk. 2500.00

The Body
 Hanif Kureishi
 Price: Tk. 460.00
 What if you were middle-aged and were offered the chance to trade in your sagging flesh for a much younger and more pleasing model? This is the situation in which the main character of *The Body* finds himself. Taking the plunge, he embarks on an odyssey of hedonism, but soon finds himself regretting what he has left behind, as the responsibilities he thought he had sloughed off now begin to come home to him. Sinister forces are pursuing him, wanting to take possession of his body, and he finds himself in a no man's land, uncertain which way to turn.



CDs & DVDs

Classic Films



Philadelphia
 Directed by Jonathan Demme
 Cast: Tom Hanks, Denzel Washington, Roberta Maxwell, Buzz Kilman
 Price: Tk. 120.00
 Andrew Beckett, a gay lawyer infected with AIDS, is fired from his conservative law firm in fear that they might contract AIDS from him. After Andrew is fired, in a last attempt for peace, he sues his former law firm with the help of a homophobic lawyer, Joe Miller. During the court battle, Miller sees that Beckett is no different than anyone else on the gritty streets of the city of brotherly love, sheds his homophobia and helps Beckett with his case before AIDS overcomes him.



Casino
 Directed by Martin Scorsese
 Cast: Robert De Niro, Sharon Stone, Joe Pesci, James Woods
 Price: Tk. 130.00
 This Martin Scorsese film depicts the Janus-like quality of Las Vegas—it has a glittering, glamorous face, as well as a brutal, cruel one. Ace Rothstein and Nicky Santoro, mobsters who move to Las Vegas to make their mark, live and work in this paradoxical world. Seen through their eyes, each as a foil to the other, the details of mob involvement in the casinos of the 1970's and '80's are revealed. Ace is the smooth operator of the Tangiers casino, while Nicky is his boynhood friend and tough strongman, robbing and shaking down the locals. However, they each have a tragic flaw—Ace falls in love with a hustler, Ginger, and Nicky falls into an ever-deepening spiral of drugs and violence.



Sense and Sensibility
 Directed by Ang Lee
 Cast: James Fleet, Kate Winslet, Emma Thompson, Hugh Grant
 Price: Tk. 120.00
 When Mr. Dashwood dies, he must leave the bulk of his estate to the son by his first marriage, which leaves his second wife and three daughters (Elinor, Marianne, and Margaret) in straitened circumstances. They are taken in by a kindly cousin, but their lack of fortune affects the marriageability of both practical Elinor and romantic Marianne. When Elinor forms an attachment for the wealthy Edward Ferrars, his family disapproves and separates them. And though Mrs. Jennings tries to match the worthy (and rich) Colonel Brandon to her, Marianne finds the dashing and fiery Willoughby more to her taste. Both relationships are sorely tried. But this is a romance, and through the hardships and heartbreak, true love and a happy ending will find their way for both the sister who is all sense and the one who is all sensibility.



Scent of a Woman
 Directed by Martin Brest
 Cast: Al Pacino, Chris O'Donnell, James Rebhorn, Gabriella Anwar
 Price: Tk. 130.00
 Frank is a retired Lt Col in the US army. He's blind and impossible to get along with. Charlie is at school and is looking forward to going to university; to help pay for a trip home for Christmas, he agrees to look after Frank over Thanksgiving. Frank's niece says this will be easy money, but she didn't reckon on Frank spending his Thanksgiving in New York.

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