

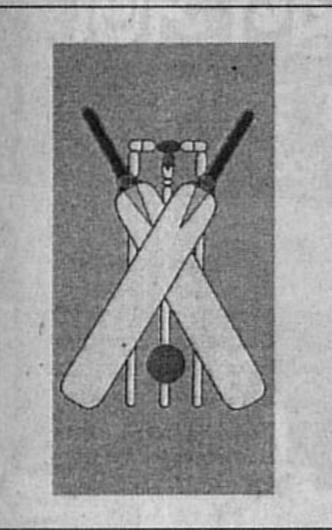
PICK OF THE WEEK



Our Choice

Sabrina (IMDb rating 6.1)
On HBO, December 26 at 08:30 pm
Directed by Sydney Pollack
Genre: Comedy/Romance/Drama

Harrison Ford, Julia Ormond, Greg Kinnear
While growing up, Sabrina Fairchild spent more time perched in a tree watching the Larabee family. As the chauffeur's daughter on their lavish Long Island estate, Sabrina was invisible behind the branches, but she knew them all below... There is Maude Larabee, the modern matriarch of the Larabee Corporation; Linus Larabee, the serious older son; and David, the handsome, fun-loving Larabee, who was the center of Sabrina's world.



The Sport

India Tour of Bangladesh

Videocon Cup

2nd and 3rd ODIs

Live from Dhaka, Bangladesh

On ESPN, December 26 and 27 at 01:00 pm



The Movie

Die Hard (IMDb rating 8.0)
On Star Movies, December 25 at 08:45 pm
Directed by John McTiernan
Genre: Action/Thriller

Bruce Willis, Alan Rickman, Bonnie Bedelia
In the city of Los Angeles, a Christmas party is held on the 30th floor of the Nakatomi Plaza Hotel. While the party is going on, downstairs, a band of German terrorists arrive and take the entire building hostage including its employees and attempts a huge robbery. But the only one who eludes capture is New York City Cop John McClane who launches a one man war in an attempt to stop the terrorists and save all hostages including his wife Holly.

Satellite TV



Rush Hour 2 (IMDb rating 6.5)
On HBO, December 28 at 09:30 pm
Directed by Brett Ratner
Genre: Action/Comedy/Thriller/Crime

Jackie Chan, Chris Tucker, John Lone, Ziyi Zhang, Roselyn Sanchez
Lee and Carter are back! This time they're in Hong Kong. Carter wants a relaxing vacation but Lee just wants to do police work. At a nightclub, Lee spots an evil agent named Ricky Tan, who runs an evil gang of counterfeiters, and his partner is a woman who delivers packages containing bombs. Lee and Carter follow these two aboard a boat where they attempted but really busts, so Lee and Carter fly back to Los Angeles where they meet a woman in the Secret Service who helps them on their mission to find the counterfeiters. Lee and Carter are captured by the bad guys but soon escape into a sewer come emerge in downtown Las Vegas.



Empire

(IMDb rating 6.2)
On HBO, December 25 at 11:45 pm
Directed by Allan Moyle
Genre: Comedy/Drama

John Leguizamo, Denise Richards, Isabella Rossellini
How far will a man go for greed? Victor Rosa wants out. Having worked for the ruthless La Colombiana selling drugs in the Bronx, he knows the money is good but he wants to come clean. Through his pregnant girlfriend Carmen, they meet Trish and her high-flying Wall Street investment banker boyfriend Jack. Jack finds a scheming soul in Victor, and entices him into investing his drug money in an offshore deal. Victor, attracted to the trappings of the new rich, accepts... with disastrous consequences.



Charlie's Angels: Full Throttle (IMDb rating 5.0)
On HBO, December 30 at 09:30 pm
Directed by McG
Genre: Action/Comedy/Adventure

Cameron Diaz, Drew Barrymore, Lucy Liu, Robert Patrick, Demi Moore
Natalie, Dylan, and Alex, three glamorous, tough-as-nails, investigative agents - who work for the Charles Townsend Detective Agency - are sent undercover to retrieve two missing jewelry bands. These are no ordinary wedding rings. They contain valuable information that reveals the new identities of every person in the FBI's Witness Protection Program. After five of the program's participants turn up dead, only the Angels can stop the perpetrator, using their expertise as masters of disguise, espionage and martial arts.

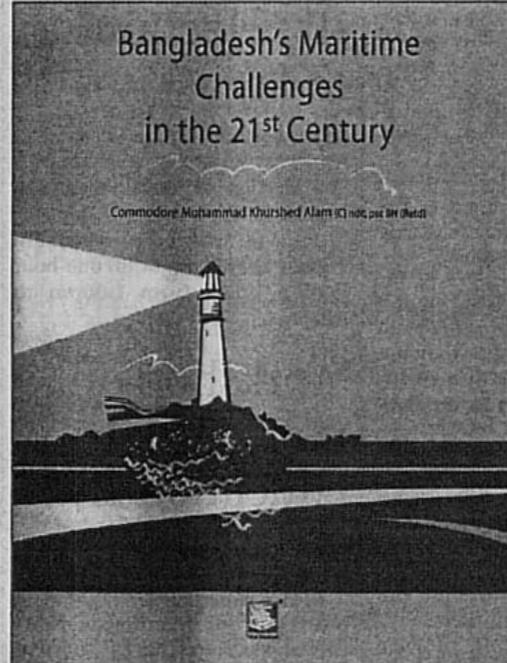


Antwone Fisher

(IMDb rating 7.4)
On Star Movies, December 28 at 09:00 pm
Directed by Denzel Washington
Genre: Drama

Derek Luke, Denzel Washington, Joy Bryant, Salli Richardson
A sailor prone to violent outbursts is sent to a naval psychiatrist for help. Refusing at first to open up, the young man eventually breaks down and reveals a horrific childhood. Through the guidance of his doctor, he confronts his painful past and begins a quest to find the family he never knew.

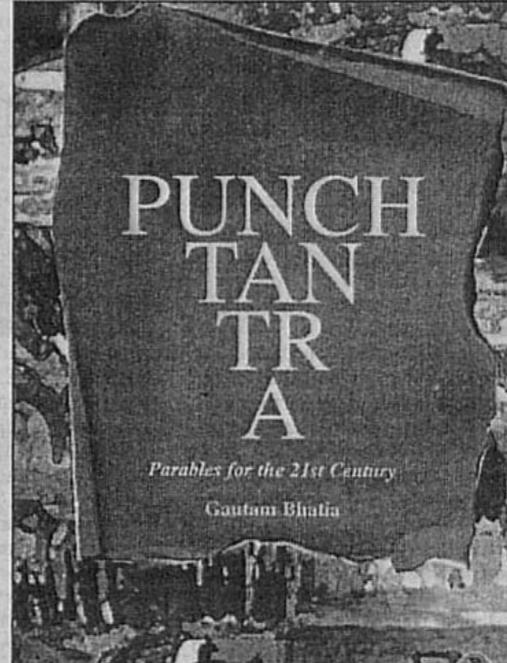
Books



Bangladesh's Maritime Challenges in the 21st Century

Commodore Mohammad Khurshed Alam (Editor)

Bangladesh's Maritime Challenges in the 21st Century
Commodore Mohammad Khurshed Alam, Price: Tk. 895.00
The book focuses on the importance of the study about the Bay of Bengal covering various critical issues having implications for the country's maritime future. It highlights potential impact of the rivers/inland waterways in the transportation in maritime sector of internal and foreign trade, contribution of seaports and growth of shipping and related maritime administration. It also covers about the marine science, resources of the sea/beach, natural gas supply, the Law of the Sea, Bangladesh's maritime boundary and the issue of the South Talpatty, marine pollution, piracy, drug and arms trafficking, laws of armed conflict at sea, global climate change and natural disasters etc. Maritime resources discussed in the book can actually act as the Light House to re-direct the density of Bangladesh in the present century and beyond.



PUNCH TAN TRA

Parables for the 21st Century

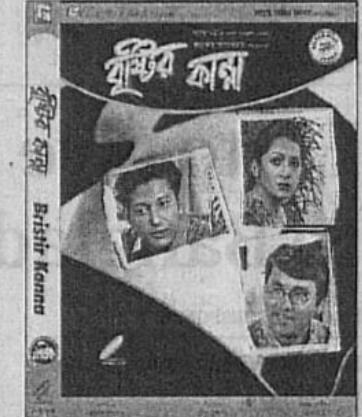
Gautam Bhattacharya

Punchtantra
Parables for the 21st Century
Gautam Bhattacharya
Price: Tk. 425.00
Inspired by James Finn Garner's *Politically Correct Bedtime Stories*, the author takes the men, women and animals of his book and relocates them in contemporary India with its newly acquired notions of political correctness. So we have the fiercely vocal lesbian feminist, Yajnabattha, who leaves her husband for a woman; the expatriate dog Chitranga who flees racial persecution in the West; and a mongoose with an Oedipus complex, armed with a .45 Colt. As these characters engage with the burning issue of the day - unemployment, oppression, environmental pollution, sexual incompatibility - they lay bare the hilarious absurdities of our muddled world.

CDs & DVDs



Ekta Kora
Written & directed by Rejunar Rahman
Cast: Selim Mahbub, Tania Ahmed, Ahmed Rubel
A band of skinheads suddenly emerge in a village and take shelter in a house. The leader Bulbul is a kind rich man with one eccentricity: he can't stand long-haired men. He interviews a lot of villagers and employ a barber to clean shave their heads. In exchange, however, he gives the new skinheads good amount of money. This naturally creates mystery about the man. The story twists further when Bulbul meets a housewife named Farida.



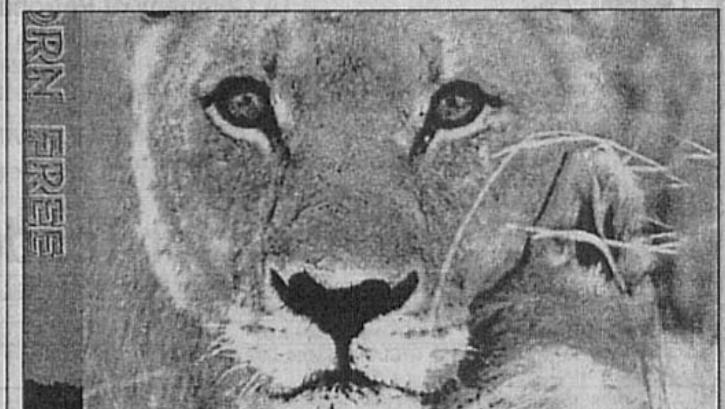
Brishtir Kanna
Written by Pranab Bhattacharya
Directed by Kaiser Ahmed
Cast: Azizul Hakim, Mahfuz Ahmed, Tania Ahmed
A person named Shanto suddenly emerges in the happy conjugal life of rich man Sujan Chowdhury and his wife Brishti. Sujan does not know that Shanto and his wife Brishti had a relationship before their marriage. One day, however, he comes to know everything, yet he does not blame it on Brishti. He fights to keep his family together, but storm is brewing in...

Source: Laser Vision, 32 Sonargaon Road, Paribagh; Ph: 8622425, 9676191, 0189490959

Classic Films



The Birds
Directed by Alfred Hitchcock
Cast: Rod Taylor, Jessica Tandy, Suzanne Pleshette, Tippi Hedren, Veronica Cartwright
Price: Tk. 130.00
Spooked socialite and notorious practical joker Melanie Daniels is shopping in a San Francisco pet store when she meets Mitch Brenner. Mitch is looking to buy a pair of love birds for his young sister's birthday; he recognises Melanie but pretends to mistake her for an assistant. She decides to get her own back by buying the birds and driving up to the quiet coastal town of Bodega Bay, where Mitch spends his weekends with his sister and mother. Shortly after she arrives, Melanie is attacked by a gull, but this is just the start of a series of attacks by an increasing number of birds.



Born Free
Directed by James Hill
Cast: Virginia McKenna, Bill Travers, Geoffrey Keen, Peter Lukoye
Price: Tk. 130.00
Joy Adamson and her husband, Kenya game warden George Adamson, raise Elsa, a lion cub. When Elsa approaches maturity, Joy determines she must re-educate Elsa to living in the wild so that the lioness can return to a free life.

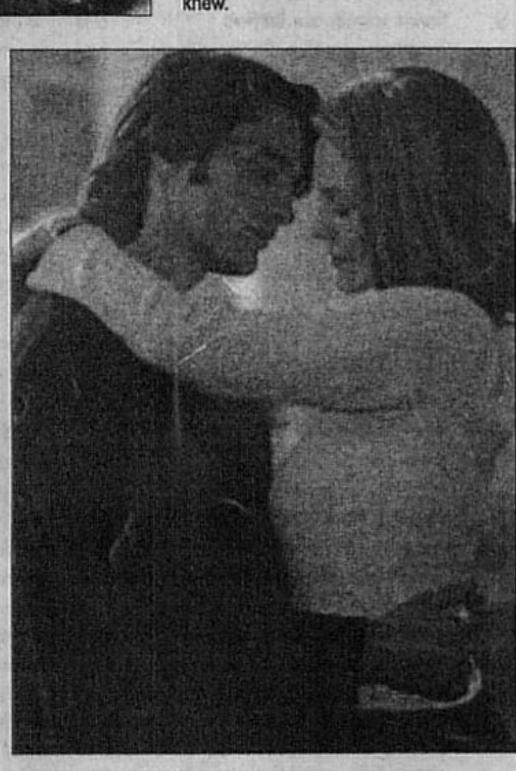


War and Peace
Directed by King Vidor
Cast: Audrey Hepburn, Henry Fonda, Mel Ferrer, Vittorio Gassman
Price: Tk. 150.00
Spruced up adaptation of Leo Tolstoy's epic novel about the life of a Russian family during the War of 1812. The historical and personal events are seen mostly through the eyes of Natasha, who is 16 years old at the start of the movie. Contains many panoramic shots of battle in action.

Source: Pathak Shamabesh Phone: 9662766, Mobile: 018407146; e-mail: pathak@bol-online.com



Gang Related (IMDb rating 5.7)
On Star Movies, December 29 at 08:45 pm
Directed by Jim Kouf
Genre: Crime/Drama
James Belushi, Tupac Shakur, Lela Rochon, Dennis Quaid
Two cops kill an undercover DEA agent by mistake, and frantically try to cover their tracks by framing a homeless man for the crime. That involves juggling evidence, coaching witnesses, and improvising to keep their desperate scheme from unraveling.



Unfaithful (IMDb rating 6.6)
On Star Movies, December 27 at 10:50 pm
Directed by Adrian Lyne
Genre: Drama/Thriller
Diane Lane, Eric Per Sullivan, Richard Gere, Olivier Martinez
Connie Sumner has a loving husband, a beautiful home, and a wonderful son, but she wants more. When she's approached one day by a handsome stranger while trying to hail a taxi, she becomes obsessed with him and eventually starts an affair. But her selfish actions soon catch up with her...



Selim Morshed Nirbachito Galpo
(Selected Short Stories by Selim Morshed)
Price: Tk. 150.00
Selim Morshed tells stories of modern life in its ever-struggling state against wrath, hypocrisy, breaking of personal relationship, stark reality and harsh experiences. Importantly, the author has had to stand against the traditional diction of language for that purpose: nouns and adjectives change their regular places, words wear new meanings and verbs consciously fail to project the time of action in this new style of Selim's writing. Yet, the language of the 16 stories placed in this collection is ever so expressive. An activist of the little magazine throughout last two decades, Selim also expresses his stand against the institutionalisation of literature.



Bangladesh: National Culture and Heritage
An Introductory Reader
Edited by A.F. Salahuddin Ahmed & Bazlul Mobin Chowdhury
Price: Tk. 750.00
Bangladesh is the home of an old civilisation grown through the ages by virtue of its distinctive geography and history. Behind it lies a long history of cultural traits of waves of successive settlers who have been absorbed and assimilated by the local population. The cultural elements brought by the settlers blended with those of indigenous origin. Through this process, both the society and its culture were enriched. In brief, the book aims at presenting diverse aspects of life and development of the nation till the emergence of Bangladesh.

Jude
Directed by Michael Winterbottom
Cast: Christopher Eccleston, Jude Law, Kate Winslet, Liam Cunningham
Price: Tk. 130.00
A stonemason steadfastly pursues a cousin he loves in this adaptation of the Thomas Hardy novel. However their love is troubled as he is married to a woman who tricks him into marriage and she is married to an abusive nobleman. Living out of wedlock, the two are rejected by the townspeople leaving them to struggle in abject poverty.