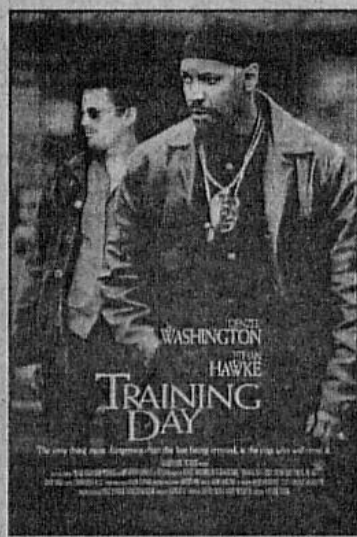


PICK
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Our Choice

Training Day (IMDb rating 7.3)

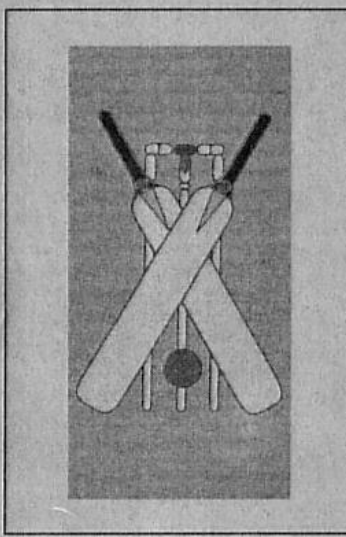
On HBO, January 09 at 10:30 pm

Directed by Antoine Fuqua

Genre: Drama/Thriller/Crime

Denzel Washington, Ethan Hawke, Tom Berenger, Harris Yulin

Jake Hoyt wants to become a LAPD narc agent, stop narcs from selling drugs on the streets. But that might be hard as he works with LAPD narc agent Alonzo Harris for the next 24 hours. Alonzo is an LAPD veteran who has been working the narcs for over a decade, but his ways and techniques of becoming a narc agent are questionable, if not corrupt.



The Sport

Zimbabwe Tour of Bangladesh

1st Test continues

January 07-10 from 09:20 am

Live from Chittagong, Bangladesh

On ESPN



The Movie

25th Hour (IMDb rating 7.8)

On Star Movies, January 10 at 08:45 pm

Directed by Spike Lee

Genre: Crime/Drama

Edward Norton, Philip Seymour Hoffman, Barry Pepper, Rosario Dawson, Anna Paquin, Tony Siragusa

The 25th Hour depicts the last day of freedom for a young man before he begins serving a seven-year jail term for drug dealing. Prowling through the city until dawn with his two close male friends and his girlfriend, he is forced to re-examine his life and how he got himself into his predicament, which leads to a shocking, disturbing finale.

Satellite TV



Dangerous Liaisons (IMDb rating 7.6)

On HBO, January 08 at 09:30 pm

Directed by Stephen Frears

Genre: Drama/Romance

Glenn Close, John Malkovich, Michelle Pfeiffer, Keanu Reeves, Uma Thurman
Set in France around 1760-1770. The Marquise de Merteuil needs a favour from her ex-lover, Vicomte de Valmont. One Marquise de Merteuil's ex-lover, Gercourt, is planning on marrying a young, virtuous woman called Cecile de Volanges. The Marquise would like Valmont to seduce Cecile before her wedding day. Meanwhile Valmont has a conquest of his own in mind, Madame de Tourvel, a beautiful, married, and God-fearing woman. The Marquise doesn't think that Valmont can do it, she tells him that if he can provide written proof of a sexual encounter with Madame de Tourvel, that she will offer him a reward, one last night with her. But Valmont will find himself falling in love with Mrs. de Tourvel, embracing the deadly jealousy of the marquise de Merteuil.

Single White Female (IMDb rating 6.1)

On HBO, January 12 at 09:30 pm

Directed by Barbet Schroeder

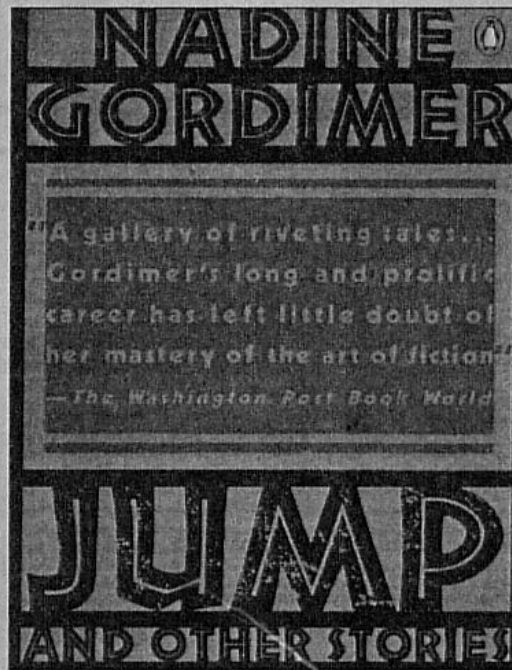
Genre: Thriller/Drama

Bridget Fonda, Jennifer Jason Leigh, Steven Weber, Peter Friedman

When a 'Single White Female' places an ad in the press for a similar woman to rent a room (to replace the boyfriend she's just left), all the applicants seem weird. Then along comes a level-headed woman who seems to be just right. The new lodger has a secret past which haunts her.



Books



Jump and other stories

Nadine Gordimer

Price: Tk. 765.00

In sixteen new stories ranging from the dynamics of family life to the worldwide confusion of human values, Nadine Gordimer gives us access to many lives in places as far apart as suburban London, Mozambique, a mythical island, and South Africa. In *Some are Born to Sweet Delight*, a girl's innocent love for an enigmatic foreign lodger in her parents' home leads her to involve others in a tragedy of international terrorism. *The Moment before the Gun Went Off* reveals the strange mystery behind an accident in which a white



Rabindranath Tagore

Selected Short Stories

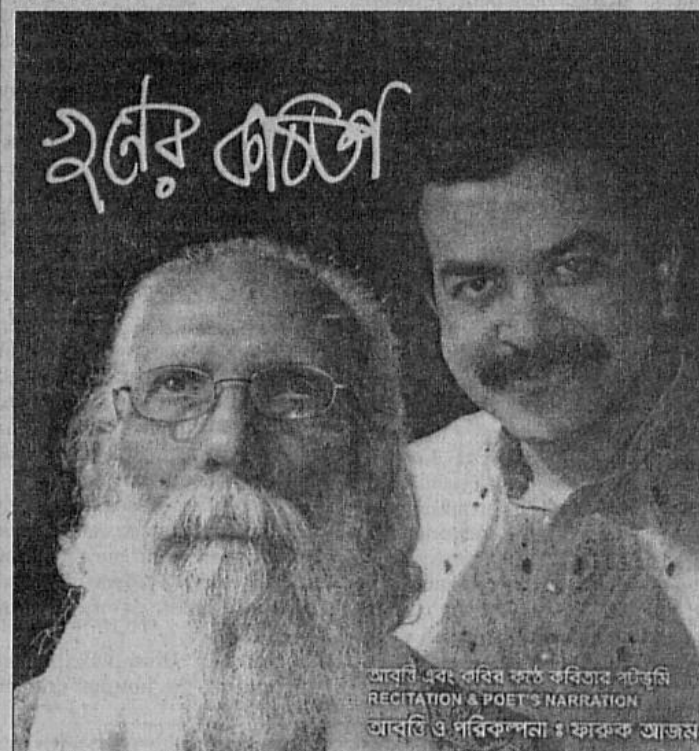
Translated with an introduction by William Radice

Price: Tk. 425.00

Poet, novelist, painter and musician, Rabindranath Tagore (1861-1941) is the grand master of Bengali culture, and in the 1890s he concentrated on creating a new form, the short story. Many of his best stories were written during a period of relative isolation spent managing his family's estates in the riverlands of Bengal and they have been acclaimed as vivid portraits of Bengali life and landscapes, brilliantly polemical in their depiction of peasantry and

CDs & DVDs

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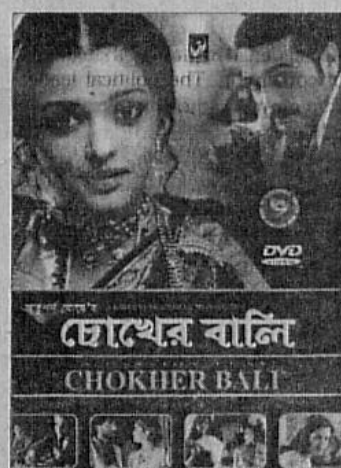
Goon-er Kobita

Recitation by Faruk Azam

Background narration by poet Nirmalendu Goon

Price: Tk. 150.00

Classic Films



Chokher Bali

Directed by Rituparno Ghosh

Cast: Aishwarya Rai, Prosenjit Chatterjee, Raima Sen, Tota Chakrabarti

Price: Tk. 150.00

Subtitled *A Passion Play* and set between 1902 and 1905, it is a beautiful story of a beautiful educated woman, Binodini, struggling to free herself from the oppression of widowhood. Widowed within a year of marriage, she moves into Mahendra's house, the man who was once offered her hand in marriage and had refused. There she meets Mahendra's wife Ashala and friend Bahari, who is in and out of the house. Among these four develops a forbidden attraction, a mesmerising web of destiny and desire.



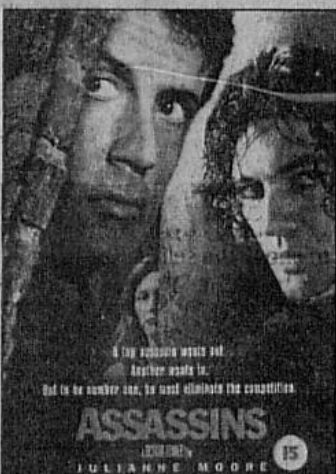
If These Walls Could Talk

Directed by Cher & Nancy Savoca

Cast: Demi Moore, Sissy Spacek, Cher

Set 2 DVDs, Price: Tk. 240.00

A trilogy of stories set in the same house, but with different occupants and spanning over 40 years, deals with various women and moral crisis over unexpected pregnancies and their choice of abortion. In 1952, when abortion was illegal, a nurse deals with her unexpected pregnancy and takes drastic measures to get one. In 1974, a family housewife with four children discovers that she's pregnant and decides she can't handle another child to raise. In 1996, a pregnant college student decides on an abortion, but doesn't realize the means to go through to get one.



Assassins (IMDb rating 5.7)

On HBO, January 13 at 09:30 pm

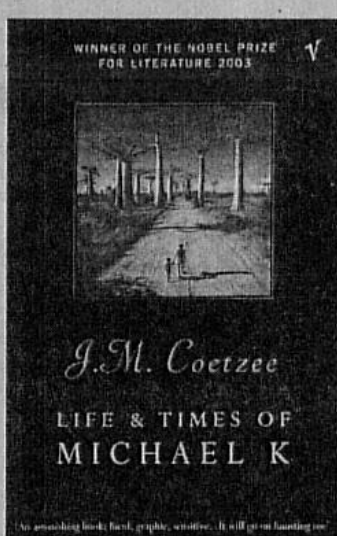
Directed by Richard Donner

Genre: Action/Thriller/Crime

Sylvester Stallone, Antonio Banderas, Julianne Moore, Anatoli Davydov

Robert Rath is a seasoned hitman who just wants out of the business with no back talk. But, as things go, it ain't so easy. A younger, peeper assassin named Bain is having a field day trying to kill said older assassin. Rath teams up with a computer hacker named Electra to defeat the obsessed Bain.

True Crime (IMDb rating 6.3)
On HBO, January 10 at 09:30 pm
Directed by Clint Eastwood
Genre: Crime/Thriller/Drama
Clint Eastwood, Isaiah Washington, Lisa Gay Hamilton, James Woods, Diane Venora, Mary McCormack, Hattie Winston, Francesca Ruth Eastwood
Steve Everett, Oakland Tribune journalist with a passion for women and alcohol, is given the coverage of the upcoming execution of murderer Frank Beachum. His attractive colleague Michelle died in a car accident the night before. Bob Findley, Steve's boss and husband to Steve's current affair, wants him dead and gone as soon as possible. When Steve stumbles across the possibility of Frank Beachum being innocent on death row, Bob feels his time to have come. Now Steve only has a few hours left to prove the innocence of Frank and to be right with this theory, as he definitely will be history if he's not.



Life & Times of Michael K

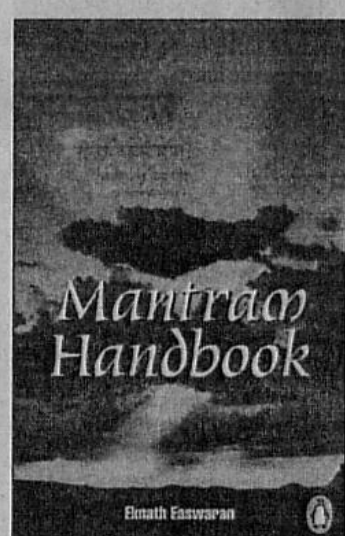
Michael K

J.M. Coetzee

Price: Tk. 600.00

The story is clean, clear, straight, the work of a mature imagination at full power.... here is a book that will be celebrated for a long time. A truly astonishing novel.... it gives the reader a feeling of elation, for all the misery and suffering it contains. Beautifully written in a strong, plain, unpretentious style distinguished by grim humour and powerful understatement.

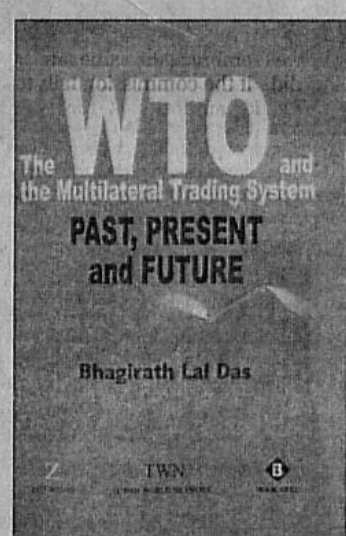
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Mantram Handbook

Eknath Easwaran, Price: Tk. 350.00

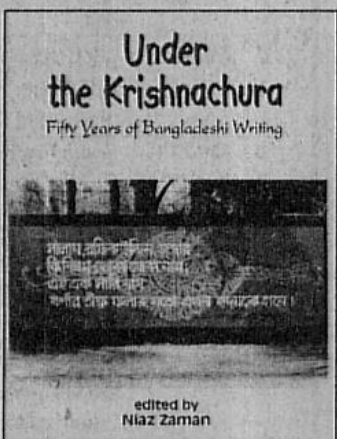
What if we could release new energy, recast old ways of thinking, become more sensitive to the needs of others? We can change, and this book shows how. Every moment becomes an opportunity for growth as Eknath Easwaran takes the mystery out of the mantram and describes how we can gain the will and the insight to refashion our lives in a higher image, through powerful, time-honoured methods that can help you to: break harmful addictions, thrive under stress, overcome depression, repair personal relationships, heal inner conflicts, discover the spiritual basis of life.



The WTO and the Multilateral Trading System

Bhagrat Laldas, Price: Tk. 895.00

This book charts the evolution of the multilateral trading system over the last half-century and explores the future outlook for the intergovernmental body that constitutes its institutional base and which is responsible for governing the conduct of global commerce, the World Trade Organisation (WTO). The author, a leading authority on international trade, identifies the distinct trends that have characterised the historical progression of the system, from the formulation of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade in 1947 through the WTO's inception in 1995 to the present day.



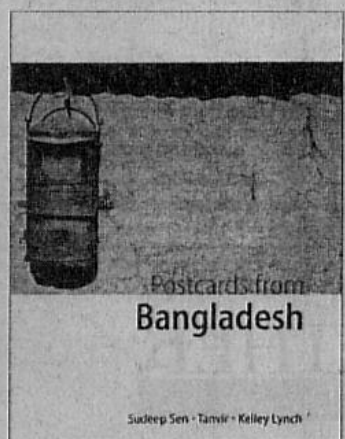
Under the Krishnachura

Fifty Years of Bangladeshi Writing

Edited by Niaz Zaman, Price: Tk. 550.00

Shortly after the creation of Pakistan, the question of what would be the state language became a burning issue. Bangla-speakers formed the single largest ethnic and linguistic majority. Nevertheless, the founder of Pakistan, M.A. Jinnah, declared that "Urdu and Urdu alone shall be the state language of Pakistan." The Bengali struggle for the rightful recognition of Bangla gained momentum. On 21st February 1952, police fired on a procession in Dhaka demanding recognition of Bangla as one of the state languages of Pakistan. In the firing Rafiq, Barkat, Jabbar, and Salam were killed along with others, leading to a spontaneous outpouring of grief and anger. Though subsequently Bangla was recognised as one of the state languages of Pakistan, the events of 21st February, or simply *Ekshey*, inspired a nationalistic upsurge that ultimately culminated in the creation of Bangladesh in 1971.

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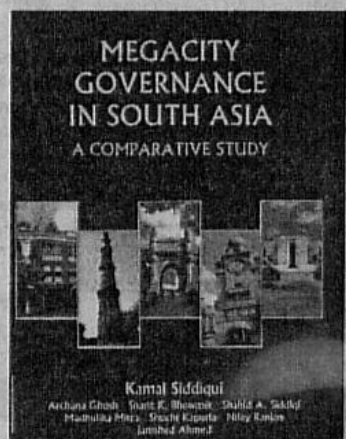


Postcards from Bangladesh

Sudeep Sen, Tanvir, Kelley Lynch

Price: Tk. 1800.00

Postcards from Bangladesh is a unique and personal account of Bangladesh as seen through the eyes of three creative professionals—Sudeep Sen, Tanvir, and Kelley Lynch—from three different countries. The book revolves around the idea and metaphor of a postcard—snapshots, snippets of life in one place that capture a moment in time—reflecting something larger about the culture as a whole. It is not meant to be encyclopaedic or all-inclusive. Rather, it portrays what Bangladesh means to them from an alternate focal point—things off the beaten track, aspects left out of final frames, unused notes scribbled in the margins—all forming the glue that binds the book together. *Postcards from Bangladesh* traces journeys both interior and exterior using prose, poetry, and photography to create a poetic documentary—a film in freeze-frames.

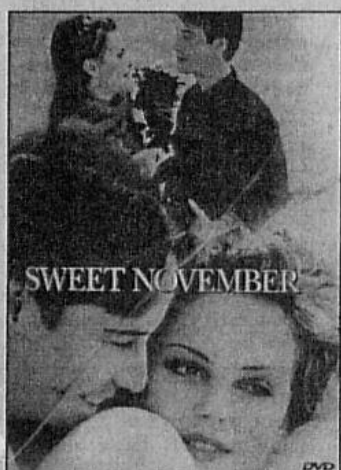


Megacity Governance in South Asia

A Comparative Study

Kamal Siddiqui et al., Price: Tk. 750.00

This is a pioneering study comparing the governance arrangements in the five megacities (cities with population around 10 million) of South Asia, namely Dhaka in Bangladesh, Kolkata, Mumbai and Delhi in India and Karachi in Pakistan within a common analytical framework. The book is divided into seven chapters. The first and introductory chapter lays down the theoretical underpinnings and methodology of the study, besides identifying the major urbanization trends in South Asia. In each of the five city chapters, the trends in the quality and extent of city services and the major components of good governance, namely existing legal framework of municipal government, accountability, transparency, decentralization, efficiency, coordination, minimization of corruption, financial management, personnel practices, participation/empowerment, equity, etc are first discussed and delineated.



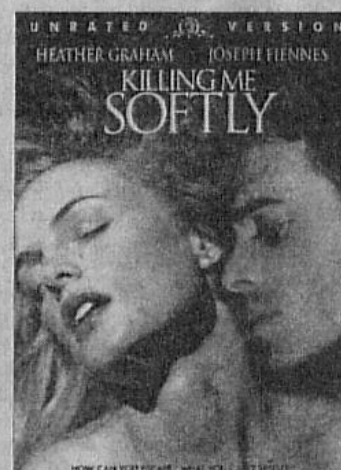
Sweet November

Directed by Kaige Chen

Cast: Heather Graham, Joseph Fiennes, Natascha McElhone, Ulrich Thomsen

Price: Tk. 130.00

A London website designer ops out of her comfortable but ordinary relationship with a nice boyfriend when she forms a dangerously obsessive bond with a handsome, mysterious mountaineer, who turns out to have some secrets.



Killing Me Softly

Directed by Pat O'Connor

Cast: Keanu Reeves, Charlize Theron, Jason Isaacs

Price: Tk. 120.00

Nelson (Keanu Reeves) is a man devoted to his advertising career in San Francisco. One day, while taking a driving test at the DMV, he meets Sara (Charlize Theron). She is very different from the other women in his life.

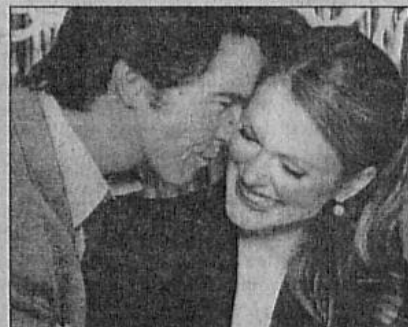
Laws of Attraction

Directed by Peter Howitt

Cast: 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?



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The Good Girl

(IMDb rating 6.9)

On Star Movies

January 08 at 08:35 pm

Directed by Miguel Arteta

Genre: Drama

Jennifer Aniston, Deborah Rush, Mike White, John Carroll Lynch

The plot revolves around a young married woman whose mundane life takes a turn for the worse when she strikes up a passionate and illicit affair with an oddball discount-store stock boy who thinks he's Holden Caulfield.



Far from Heaven (IMDb rating 7.7)

On Star Movies, January 11 at 07:00 pm

Directed by Todd Haynes

Genre: Drama/Romance

Julianne Moore, Dennis Quaid, Dennis Haysbert, Patricia Clarkson, Viola Davis

Cathy is the perfect 50s housewife, living the perfect 50s life: healthy kids, successful husband, social prominence. Then one night she surprises her husband Frank kissing another man, and her tidy world starts spinning out of control. In her confusion and grief, she finds consolation in the friendship of their African-American gardener, Raymond—a socially taboo relationship that leads to the further disintegration of life as she knew it. Despite Cathy and Frank's struggle to keep their marriage afloat, the reality of his homosexuality and her feelings for Raymond open a painful, if more honest, chapter in their lives.



Joe Somebody (IMDb rating 5.5)

On Star Movies, January 12 at 10:00 pm

Directed by John Pasquin

Genre: Comedy/Romance/Drama

Tim Allen, Julie Bowen, Kelly Lynch

When under-appreciated video specialist Joe Scheffer is brutally humiliated by the office bully Mark McKinney in front of his daughter, Joe begins a quest for personal redemption. He proceeds by enduring a personal makeover and takes martial arts lessons from a B-action star. As news spreads of his rematch with Mark, Joe suddenly finds himself the centre of attention, ascending the corporate ladder and growing in popularity. He's determined to show everyone in his life that he is not a 'nobody', but a force to be reckoned with.