

PICK OF THE WEEK



Our Choice

Path to War (IMDb rating 7.5)

On HBO, January 25 at 01:30 am
Directed by John Frankenheimer
Genre: Drama
Michael Gambon, Donald Sutherland, Alec Baldwin
In the mid-1960s, President Johnson and his foreign-policy team debate the decision to withdraw from or escalate the war in Vietnam. His every policy flows in and out with the tide, never carving itself in the tablet, while advisor McNamara relentlessly feeds American soldiers into the killing fields. Witness the castration of the one man who could have changed the course of history, but whose hands were tied.



The Sport

Zimbabwe Tour of Bangladesh

CityCell Bangladesh-Zimbabwe

ODI Series 2005

2nd and 3rd ODIs

January 24 & 26 from 09:00 am

Live from Chittagong, Bangladesh

On BTV



The Movie

Romancing the Stone (IMDb rating 6.8)

On Star Movies, January 26 at 08:35 pm
Directed by Robert Zemeckis
Genre: Action/Adventure/Comedy/Romance
Michael Douglas, Kathleen Turner, Danny DeVito, Zack Norman, Holland Taylor, Mary Ellen Trainor
The writer of romantic novels Joan Wilder travels to south America to look for and rescue her kidnapped sister. She finds herself stranded in the jungles and finds help in the form of the soldier of fortune Jack Colton. The two go through a number of adventures, deal with the bad villains Ralph and company, and end up falling in love.

Satellite TV



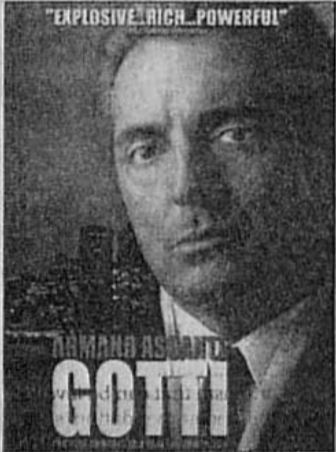
Eight Legged Freaks (IMDb rating 5.5)

On HBO, January 22 at 09:30 pm
Directed by Elia Elia
Genre: Action/Comedy/Horror/Sci-Fi
David Arquette, Karl Lumbly, Scott Terra, Scarlett Johansson
The residents of a rural mining town discover that an unfortunate chemical spill has caused hundreds of little spiders to mutate overnight to the size of SUVs. It's then up to mining engineer Chris McCormack and Sheriff Sam Parker to mobilise an eclectic group of townspeople, including the Sheriff's young son, Mike, her daughter, Ashley and paranoid radio announcer Harlan, into battle against the bloodthirsty eight-legged beasts.

Gotti (IMDb rating 6.5)

On HBO, January 24 at 11:00 pm

Directed by Robert Harmon
Genre: Crime/Drama
Armand Assante, William Forsythe, Anthony Quinn, Albert Watson
John Gotti, the head of a small New York mafia crew breaks a few of the old family rules. He rises to become the head of the Gambino family and the most well-known mafia boss in America. He is known as the Dapper Don for his expensive taste in suits, and the Teflon Don because none of the FBI charges against him will stick. Life is good, but suspicion creeps in, and greed, rule-breaking and his high public profile all threaten to topple him.



Year of the Dragon (IMDb rating 6.4)

On Star Movies, January 22 at 11:15 pm

Directed by Michael Cimino
Genre: Crime/Drama/Action
Mickey Rourke, John Lone, Ariane, Caroline Kava
Using unprecedented degrees of violence, young Joey Tai becomes the head of Chinese Mafia in New York and undisputed leader of Chinese community. Stanley White, most decorated cop in New York, who hates Asian people since his service in Vietnam, is put in charge of Chinatown. Both men are prone to breaking long-established rules and both men are unlikely to make compromises with each other, which leads to unavoidable and bloody conflict.



Made Up (IMDb rating 7.0)

On Star Movies, January 23 at 08:40 pm

Directed by Tony Shalhoub
Genre: Comedy/Drama
Brooke Adams, Lynne Adams, Eva Amurri, Light Eternity
A look at how our cultural obsession with youthful good looks affects women who are told their value is dependent on their appearance.



Vampire's Kiss (IMDb rating 5.3)

On Star Movies, January 25 at 09:05 pm

Directed by Robert Bierman
Genre: Comedy/Horror
Nicolas Cage, Maria Conchita Alonso, Jennifer Beals, Elizabeth Ashley
A publishing executive is visited and bitten by a vampire and starts exhibiting erratic behaviour. He pushes his secretary to extremes as he tries to come to terms with his affliction. The vampire continues to visit and drink his blood, and as his madness deepens, it begins to look as if some of the events he's experiencing may be hallucinations.

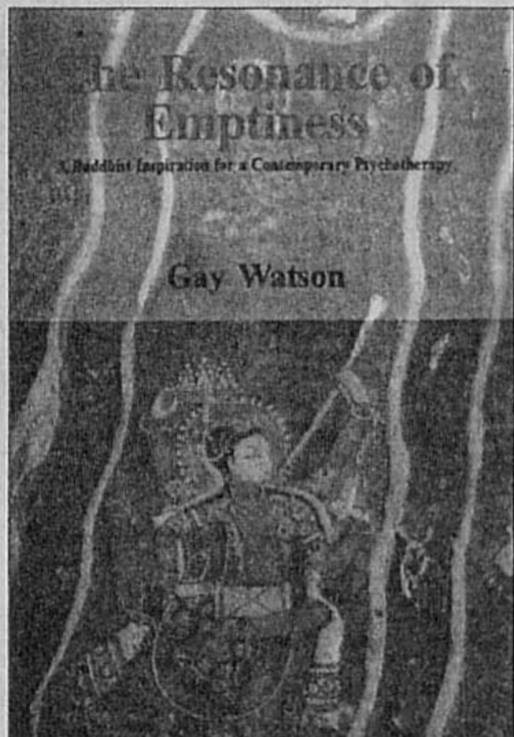
Books



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 having 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. The predominant trend of the Bengali intellectual and cultural tradition has been a harmonious co-existence of the people professing different faiths and having differences in caste and creed.



In the Andes
Mario Vargas Llosa, Price: Tk. 680.00
In a remote Andean village three men have disappeared. Peruvian Army corporal Lituma and his deputy Tomas have been dispatched to investigate, and to guard the town from the Shining Path guerrillas, whom they presume are responsible. But the townspeople resent and distrust them, and Lituma is baffled by their mystical practices as well as by reports of violent deaths nearby. To pass the time, and to cope with their homesickness, Tomas entertains Lituma nightly with the sensuous, surreal tale of his precarious love affair with a wayward prostitute. Evocatively intermingling past and present the corporeal and the spiritual, a suspense story and a political allegory, Mario Vargas Llosa offers a panoramic view of contemporary Peru.



The Resonance of Emptiness
A Buddhist Inspiration for a Contemporary Psychotherapy
Gay Watson
Price: Tk. 470.00

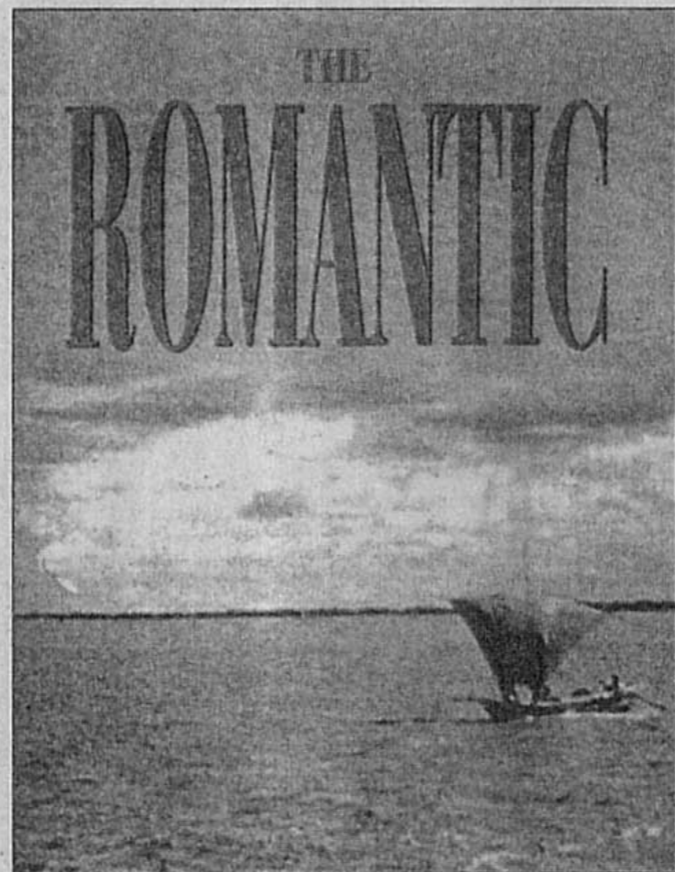
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Quantum-Touch
The Power to Heal
Richard Gordon
Price: Tk. 635.00



Theatre Quarterly
December 2004 Issue
Edited by Ramendu Majumdar
Price: Tk. 30.00
The issue is dedicated to the memory of the late theatre personality Najma Anwar, who died on December 15. Abdullah Al Mamun writes a tribute to her. Besides, the issue naturally focuses on the historic Liberation War of Bangladesh: Saidur Rahman Lipon writes an article on Shuru Kori Bhumir Namey, a play based on the country's Liberation War. Anupam Hasan's write-up on Munier Chowdhury, Rashid Askan's article on the Theatre of the Absurd and the three plays Jotbalika of Masum Reza, Bphey Prantojon of Moloy Bhowmik and Shuru Kori Bhumir Namey of Simon Zakaria will add to the pleasure of reading the quarterly.



The Romantic
M Wahiduzzaman
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CDs, VCDs & DVDs



Tagore's Falguni
A Musical Fantasy
Directed by Suvo Guha Thakurta
Price: Tk. 200.00



Rajan Sajan Mishra
Live VCD of Classical Vocal
Price: Tk. 450.00



#1s More Greatest Hits
Music Video on DVD, Price: Tk. 500.00

Banaras Utsav
Live Concert on VCD



Solo Tabla by Pandit Kishen Maharaj
Hindustani Classical by Girija Devi
Price: Tk. 450.00 each

Source: Gaan-er Dali, Yakub Super Market 2/B Elephant Road Dhaka (Ph: 9671520)



Eid 2000
Drama by Faria Hossain
Cast: Touqir Ahmed, Ishita, Sharmil Ahmed, Joy, Chadni



24 Caret Man
Drama by Humayun Ahmed
Cast: Mahfuz Ahmed, Shawan, Faruk Ahmed, Ejazul Islam, Swadhin Khasru



Ishkuler Bandhu
Nash Nasrin
Music by Basu

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

Movies



Hamlet
Directed by Franco Zeffirelli
Genre: Drama
Cast: Mel Gibson (Hamlet), Glenn Close (Gertrude), Alan Bates (Claudius), Helena Bonham Carter (Ophelia), Nathaniel Parker (Laertes)
Price: Tk. 150.00
Zeffirelli does yet another Shakespeare, with less success than he had with Taming of the Shrew or Romeo and Juliet. Hamlet returns to Denmark when his father, the King, dies. His mother Gertrude has already married Hamlet's uncle Claudius, the new King.



Stardust Memories
Directed by Woody Allen
Genre: Comedy/Drama
Cast: Woody Allen, Charlotte Rampling, Jessica Harper, Marie-Christine Barrault, Tony Roberts
Price: Tk. 120.00
Legendary comic filmmaker Sandy Bates is tired of being funny. Teetering on the brink of a nervous breakdown, Bates attends a weekend retrospective of his films, only to confront the meaning of his work, the memories of his great love, Dornie, and the merits of setting down with new girlfriend, Isabel.



Around the World in 80 Days
Directed by Frank Coraci
Genre: Adventure/Comedy
Cast: Jackie Chan, Steve Coogan, Robert Fyfe, Jim Broadbent
Price: Tk. 120.00
This version of the classic novel set in 1872 focuses on Passepartout, a Chinese thief who steals a valuable jade Buddha and then seeks refuge in the travelling companionship of an eccentric London inventor and adventurer, Phileas Fogg, who has taken on a bet with members of his gentlemen's club that he can make it around the world in a mere 80 days.

Instrumental Music



Romantic Piano
Price: Tk. 150.00



Rabindra Sangeet
Price: Tk. 150.00

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