

# 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 Ellory Elkayem

Genre: Action/Comedy/Horror/Sci-Fi

David Arquette, Karl Urban, 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, Alberta 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 8.4)

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

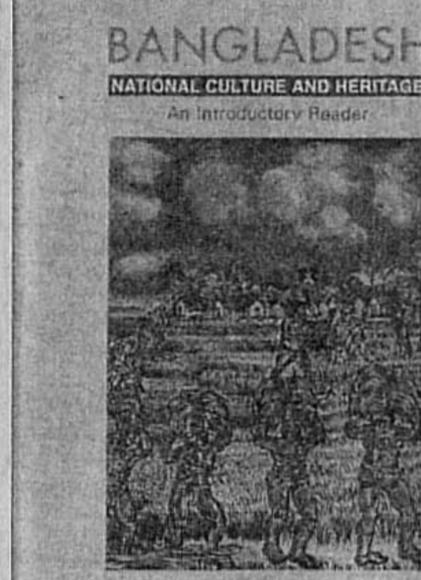
Directed by Robert Bierman

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.

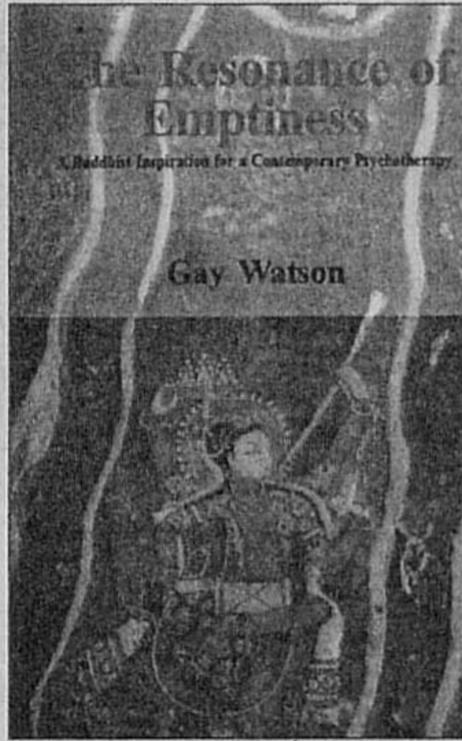
## Books



### Bangladesh: National Culture and Heritage (An Introductory Reader)

Edited by A. F. SALAHUDDIN AHMED & BAZUL 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 lies a long history of cultural trials 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 Bengal intellectual and cultural tradition has been a harmonious co-existence of the people professing different faiths and having differences in caste and creed.

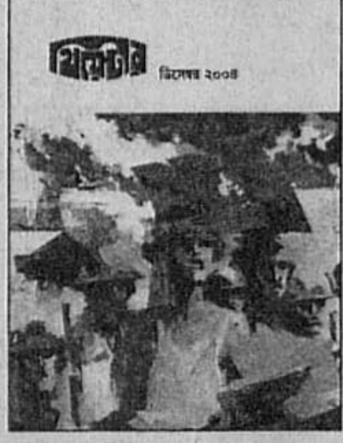


### The Resonance of Emptiness (A Buddhist Inspiration for a Contemporary Psychotherapy)

Gay Watson

Price: Tk. 470.00

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



### Theatre

#### 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 on her. Besides, the issue naturally focuses on the historic Liberation War of Bangladesh: Sadiq Rahman Lipon writes an article on *Shuru Kori Bhumi* Namey, a play based on the country's Liberation War. Anupam Hasan's write-up on Munier Choudhury, Rashid Askari's article on the Theatre of the Absurd and the three plays *Jolbalika* of Masum Reza, *Bipoy Prantojon* of Moloy Bhownoki and *Shuru Kori bhumi Namey* of Simon Zakaria will add to the pleasure of reading the quarterly.



### Death in the Andes

Mario Vargas Llosa, Price: Tk. 680.00

In a remote Andean village three men have disappeared. Peruvian Army corporal Lutima 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 mistrust them, and Lutima 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 Lutima 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.



### Quantum-Touch (The Power to Heal)

Richard Gordon

Price: Tk. 635.00

Source: Laser Vision, 32 Sonargaon Road, Paribagh; Ph: 8622425, 9676191, 0183490959



The Romantic  
M. Wahiduzzaman  
Price: Tk. 460.00

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

## 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



### #1 More Greatest Hits (Music Video on DVD)

Price: Tk. 500.00

### Banaras Utsav (Live Concert on VCD)



### Eid 2000

Drama by Faria Hossain

Cast: Touqir Ahmed, Ishita, Sharmill Ahmed, Joy, Chadni

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### 24 Caret Man

Drama by Humayun Ahmed

Cast: Mahfuz Ahmed, Shawan, Faruk Ahmed, Ejazul Islam, Swadhin Khasru

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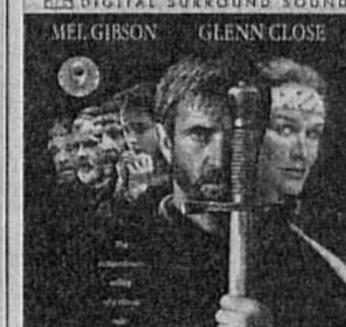
### Ishkuler Bandhu

Nash Nasrin

Music by Basu

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## 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. 120.00

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. 150.00

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, Dorrie, and the merits of setting down with new girlfriend, Isobel.

### Instrumental Music



### Romantic Piano

Price: Tk. 150.00



### Rabindra Sangeet

Price: Tk. 150.00