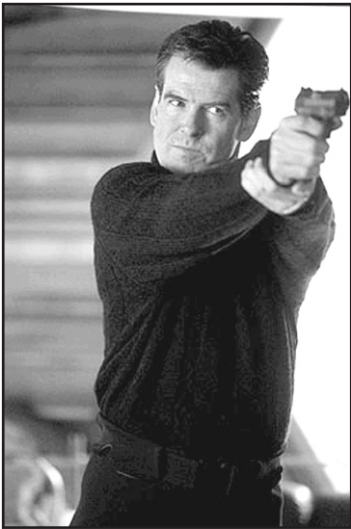
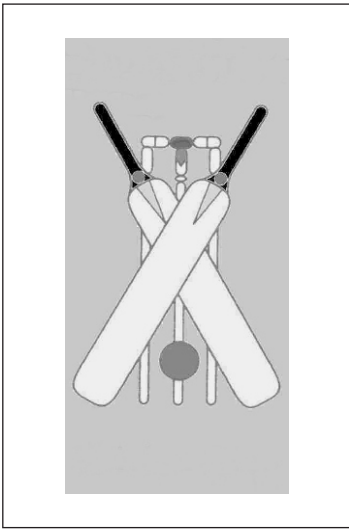


PICK OF THE WEEK



Our Choice

Die Another Day (IMDb rating 6.4)
On Star Movies, December 31 at 09:15 pm
Directed by Lee Tamahori
Genre: Action/Thriller/Adventure
Pierce Brosnan, Halle Berry, Toby Stephens, Rosamund Pike, Judi Dench
The story begins in the demilitarised zone between North and South Korea with a spectacular high-speed hovercraft chase and continues via Hong Kong to Cuba and London where Bond meets up with the two ladies. They are to play such important and differing roles in his quest to unmask a traitor and to prevent a war of catastrophic consequence.



The Sport

Zimbabwe Tour of Bangladesh

1st Test begins

Live from Chittagong, Bangladesh

On ESPN, January 06 at 09:20 am



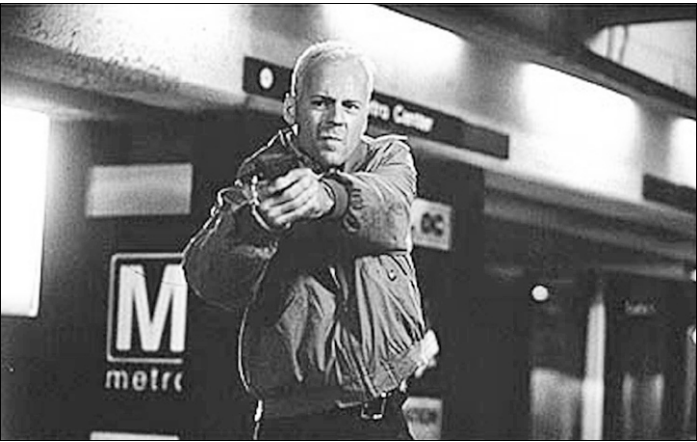
The Movie

Callas Forever (IMDb rating 7.3)
On Star Movies, January 02 at 12:30 am
Directed by Franco Zeffirelli
Genre: Drama
Fanny Ardant, Jeremy Irons, Joan Plowright
Visiting her palatial Paris apartment, Larry Kelly, her former manager, is shocked to find a broken and reclusive Callas, humiliated by the deterioration of her voice. Determined to re-ignite and restore her legacy, he convinces her to take on a film of the opera Carmen, in which she will lip-sync her own, glorious recording of many years previous. And thus begins a reawakening of their former relationship too.

Satellite TV



Reign of Fire (IMDb rating 5.8)
On Star Movies, January 01 at 10:45 pm
Directed by Rob Bowman
Genre: Action/Fantasy/Sci-Fi/Thriller
Christian Bale, Matthew McConaughey, Izabella Scorupco, Gerard Butler
It is twenty years in the future, and the planet has been devastated by vicious fire-breathing dragons. The last vestiges of humanity now struggle for survival in at remote outposts. In a ruined castle in the English countryside, Quinn is desperately trying to hold together a band of frightened, restless survivors. As a boy, Quinn watched his mother die protecting him from one of the beasts, and is still haunted by the memory. One day, a group of American rogues shows up, led by a brash, tough-guy named Van Zam. He claims to have discovered a way to kill the dragons once and for all, and enlists Quinn's help. But doing so will force Quinn to confront his own frightening memories. This, and Quinn's responsibilities to those that are under his protection, results in a battle of wills between the two men. In the end, events cause them both to realize that they must work together to defeat the monsters—both without and within.



The Jackal (IMDb rating 5.7)
On Star Movies, January 03 at 07:00 pm
Directed by Michael Caton-Jones
Genre: Action/Thriller
Bruce Willis, Richard Gere, Sidney Poitier, Diane Venora
Russian mobster Terek Murad has declared open season on the Russian militia and the FBI over the shooting of his brother in a Moscow nightclub. He hires the Jackal, a nasty assassin whom nobody has even seen, to kill the Director of the FBI. With nowhere else to turn (except a woman who used to work with the Basque separatists, who is now in the USA but whose exact whereabouts in unknown to all save Mulqueen), FBI Deputy Director Carter Preston (who was present at the Moscow shooting) and Major Valentina Koslova of the Russian militia (who pulled the trigger in that shooting) enlist the reluctant services of Declan Mulqueen, an imprisoned IRA sniper, to track the Jackal down, for Declan is the only other person who can positively identify the Jackal.

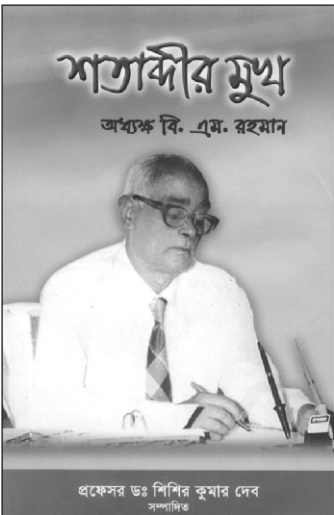


Darkman (IMDb rating 6.0)
On Star Movies, January 05 at 08:45 pm
Directed by Sam Raimi
Genre: Action/Horror/Crime/Sci-Fi/Thriller
Liam Neeson, Frances McDormand, Colin Fries, Larry Drake, Jessie Lawrence Ferguson, Rafael H. Robledo
A scientist is attacked by gangsters, who blow up his lab, with him inside it. He is presumed dead, but luckily he survives, horribly deformed and unrecognizable. The doctors remove his neurons so that he can't feel pain, but this gives him extreme physical strength and the power to leave the hospital. Now, with the help of the synthetic skin he was working on, he can take his revenge! But how can he face his love again?



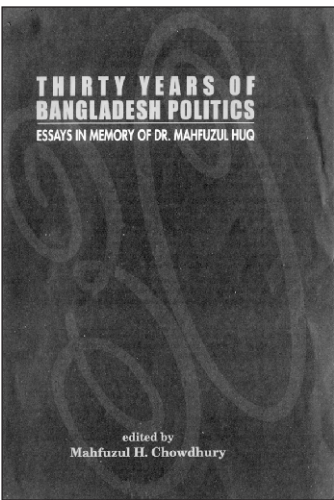
To Kill a King (IMDb rating 5.9)
On Star Movies, January 04 at 12:00 am
Directed by Mike Barker
Genre: Drama
Tim Roth, Dougray Scott, Olivia Williams, James Bolam
Set in 17th century England in the aftermath of the First Civil War, this is the story of the post-war relationship between General Fairfax, who led the Parliamentary forces to victory against the army of King Charles I, and Oliver Cromwell, the leader of the Parliament and 'Lord Protector of England'. Friends during the war, their political differences drive them apart as they're forced to decide how to build a new England.

Books

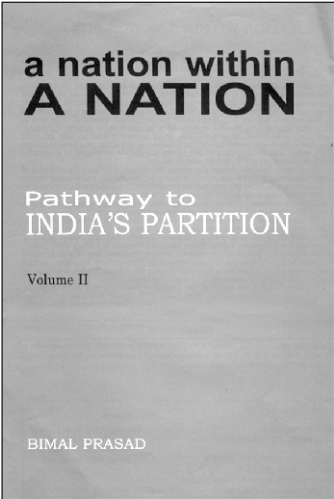


Shatabdhir Mukh
Principal BM Rahman
Edited by Dr Shishir Kumar Deb
Price: Tk. 200.00
This is a biographical work on the late educationist BM Rahman. The book depicts his childhood, education, professional life, his research in agriculture and language, and his social work. In addition, it contains writings in memory of the late Professor by a number of his acquaintances and excerpts from his own writings.

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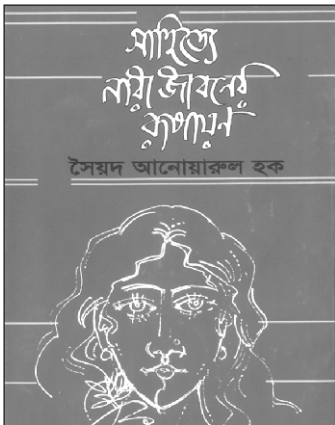


Thirty Years of Bangladesh Politics
Essays in Memory of Dr. Mahfuzul Huq
Edited by Mahfuzul H. Chowdhury
Price: Tk 400.00
This volume of essays has been published in memory of the late Dr. Mahfuzul Haq, a leading political scientist of Bangladesh who died in 1966 in a helicopter crash in Faridpur, Bangladesh. Leading Bangladeshi scholars and social scientists from home and abroad have contributed the eleven essays in this volume which examine and explain the developments in selected areas of politics and governance in Bangladesh. The last thirty years have been eventful and turbulent times for Bangladesh as it struggles towards achieving a democratic polity. The analytical essays in this volume cover varied areas such as the political system, public policy, local government and administration, foreign policy and national security, ethnicity.

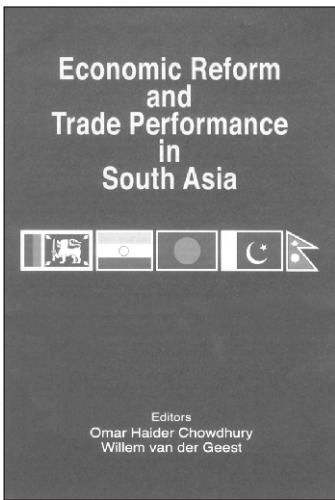


A Nation Within a Nation 1877-1937
Pathway to India's Partition, Volume II
Bimal Prasad, Price: Tk 650.00
This volume seeks to analyse the evolution of Muslim nationalism from 1877 to 1937. This exercise has resulted in highlighting certain trends which have been so far either ignored or underplayed, at any rate in India. It, for instance, shows that the two-nation theory was as old as the movement for Muslim. Awakening and solidarity and almost all its leaders firmly believed in it. Similarly the idea of Pakistan, instead of being born in 1933 with Rehmat Ali's forceful espousal of it, is shown to be steadily circulating, particularly in the Punjab, since mid-1920s. Again, contrary to what has been generally imagined so far, Jinnah as well as Iqbal had become converts to that idea, as early as June 1937, before even the beginning of any serious talk for the installation of a so-called coalition government in UP, and not after its failure.

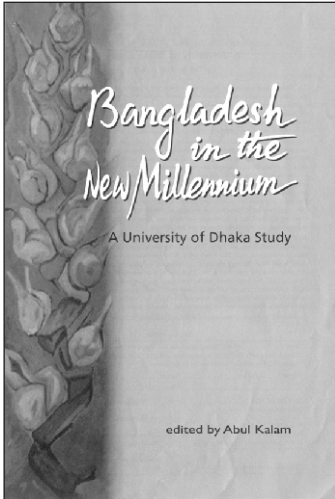
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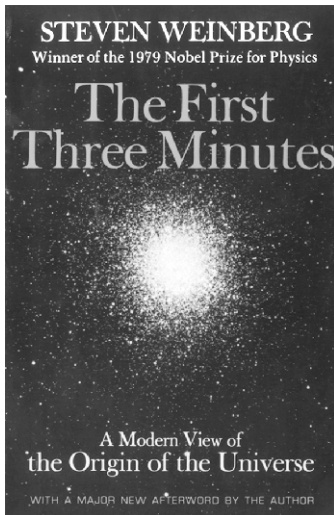
Shahitye Nari Jiboner Rupayon
(Portrayal of Women in Literature)
Syed Anowarul Haque, Price: Tk. 200.00
The book contains eleven essays on the portrayal of women in literature ranging from classic Greek, Latin and Indian literature to the post-World War II British and American literature. The women characters 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 Moore and Edella, Eugene O'Neill's Nina, Ernest Hemingway's Bert, Catherine and Maria, and Saul Bellow's Angela, Margaret, Ramona and Renata.



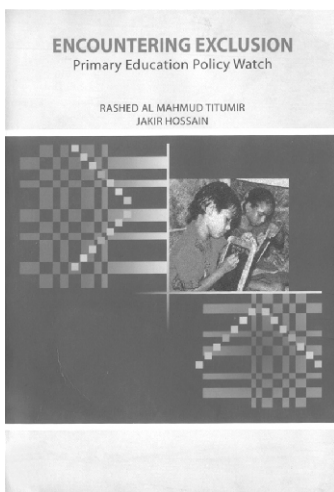
Economic Reform and Trade Performance in South Asia
Edited by Omar Haider Chowdhury and Willem van der Geest
Price: Tk 550.00
Across South Asia economic policy reforms were to accelerate growth by enhancing the countries' internal and external competitiveness. To what extent did the sluggish trade performance of South Asian countries actually improve? To what extent have opportunities for regional trade and investment cooperation materialized in the more liberal post-reform context? Did inflows of foreign direct investment actually increase? What does the external sector performance during liberalization imply for the next decade and, more immediately, for the ongoing WTO negotiations under the Doha Development Round?



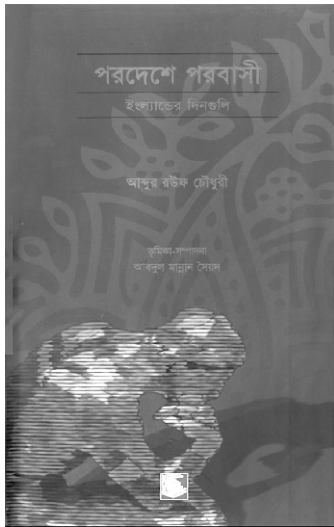
Bangladesh in the New Millennium
A University of Dhaka Study
Edited by Abul Kalam, Price: Tk 750.00
This volume has grown out of the conscious thinking of a section of the teaching community of the nation's premier university who have tried to contribute their bit to a better appraisal of the copious problems be devilling the state in the new millennium. The challenges Bangladesh confronts are many, but they are not unrelated. Hence the contributors to the study have focused their analyses upon some of those many-sided issues which seem both entwined and overlapping in terms of linkages and ramifications for national development. The issues covered include societal concerns such as politics and governance; foreign policy considerations; economy; leadership and strategy; developmental paradigms; left politics; public administration.



The First Three Minutes
A Modern View of the Origin of the Universe
Steven Weinberg
Price: Tk. 1440
Updated with a major new afterword that incorporates the latest cosmological research, this classic of contemporary science writing explains to general readers what happened when the universe began, and how we know. Weinberg builds such a convincing case that one comes away from his book feeling not only that the idea of an original cosmic explosion is not crazy but that any other theory appears scientifically irrational. The book is the first to put the details, both historical and conceptual, of the origin of the universe within the grasp of the general reader.

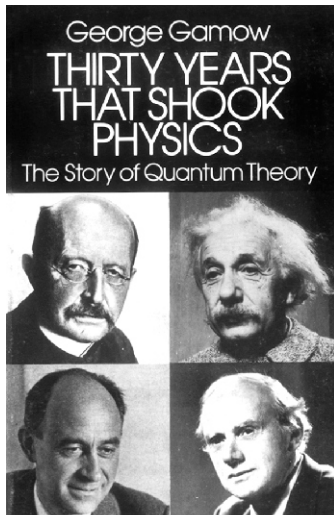


Encountering Exclusion
Primary Education Policy Watch
Rashed Al Mahmud Titumir & Jakir Hossain
Price: Tk 350.00
The current volume Encountering Exclusion reviews the National Education Policy (NEP), National Plan of Action (NPA) and Primary Education Development Programme (PEDP) and other policy instruments, plans and programmes in order to provide domestic discourse on fair share in, and equal access to primary education, that the poor and marginalised children are able to enrol in and complete quality primary education. The volume offers a point of reference for citizens' engagement processes on policy design, implementation and outcome in order to identify homegrown policy alternatives and to build support for emerging policy options.

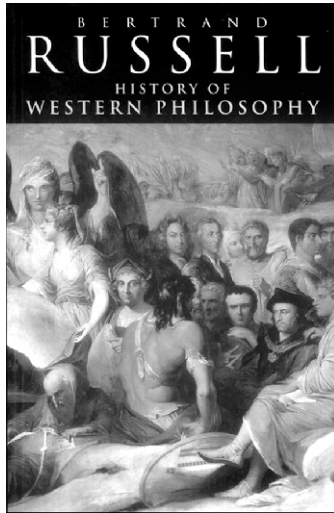


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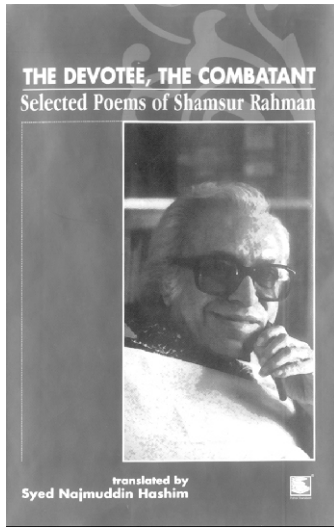
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Thirty Years That Shook Physics
The Story of Quantum Theory
George Gamow
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In 1900, German physicist Max Planck postulated that light, or radiant energy can exist only in the form of discrete packages or quanta. This profound insight, along with Einstein's equally momentous theories of relativity, completely revolutionized man's view of matter, energy, and the nature of physics itself. In this lucid layman's introduction to quantum theory, an eminent physicist and noted populariser of science traces the development of quantum theory from the turn of the century to about 1930—from Planck's seminal concept (still developing) to anti-particles, mesons and Enrico Fermi's nuclear research. Gamow was not just a spectator at the theoretical breakthroughs which fundamentally altered our view of the universe, he was an active participant who made important contribution of his own. This "insider's" vantage point lends special validity to his careful, accessible explanations of Heisenberg's Uncertainty Principle, Niels Bohr's model of the atom, the pilot waves of Louis de Broglie and other path-breaking ideas.



History of Western Philosophy
Bertrand Russell
Price: Tk. 1060.00
Nearly forty years since its first publication, the book has remained unchallenged as the ultimate introduction to its subject, while claiming status in its own right. It is the best-selling philosophy book of the 20th century and one of the most important philosophical works of all time. This compact and affordable paperback edition makes this comprehensive and brilliantly written text readily available to a new generation of readers.



The Devotee, The Combatant
Selected Poems of Shamsur Rahman
Translated by Syed Najimuddin Hashim
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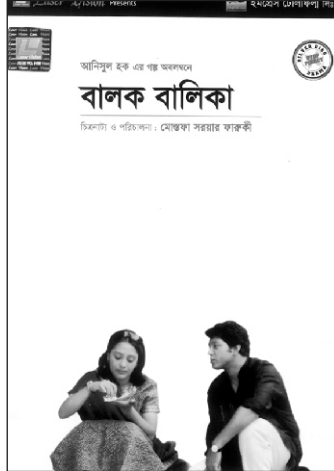
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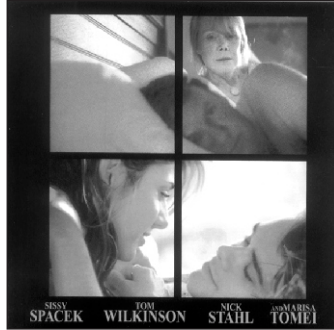
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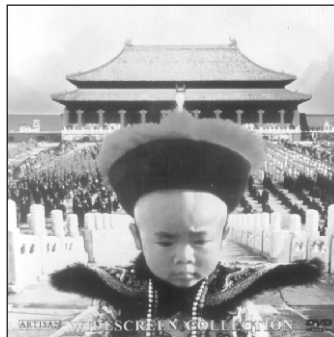
Balok Balika
Directed by Mostofa Sarwar Farooki
Cast: Mahfuz Ahmed, Aupi karim, Bappi Ashraf, Masud Sezan
Ripon Sayeed, an NGO worker and reciter, loves university student Shawon. On her birthday, Ripon tells Shawon of his love but Shawon remains silent which Ripon takes positively. Meanwhile, a political cadre starts teasing Shawon. Ripon's inherent indifference seems cowardice to Shawon. A sense of insecurity develops between their relationship.

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Classic Films
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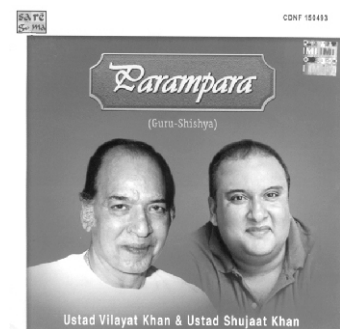


In the Bedroom
Directed by Todd Field
Cast: Tom Wilkinson, Sissy Spacek, Nick Stahl, Marisa Tomei
The Fowlers are a normal family in Maine. Matt is the town doctor and loves to fish, his wife, Ruth, is the school's choir leader, and their son, Frank, is home from his first year of college. Frank is in love with Natalie, a young mother who isn't quite divorced yet.

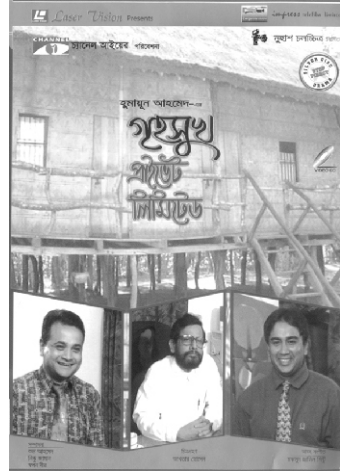


The Last Emperor
Directed by Bernardo Bertolucci
Cast: John Lone, Joan Chen, Peter O'Toole, Ruocheng Ying
A dramatic history of Pu Yi, the last of the Emperors of China, from his lofty birth and brief reign in the Forbidden City, the object of worship by half a billion people; through his abdication, his decline and dissolute lifestyle; his exploitation by the invading Japanese, and finally to his obscure existence as just another peasant worker in the People's Republic.

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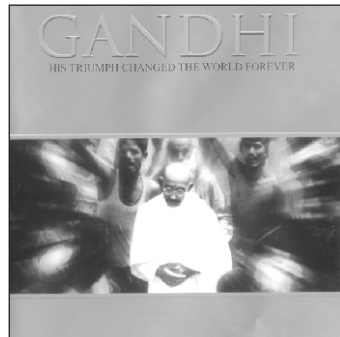
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Grihosukh Private Limited
Written & directed by Humayun Ahmed
Cast: Asaduzzaman Noor, Zahid Hasan, Dilara Zaman, Saleh Ahmed, Faruk Ahmed, Ejazul Islam
After the failure of their 'Samudra-Bilash' project, the eccentric team takes on another project in which they decide to train Buas-maidservants--and supply to families. While conducting the training for the Buas, humorous incidents start happening. The question is, Will this novel idea last?



Losing Isaiah
Directed by Stephen Gyllenhaal
Cast: Jessica Lange, Halle Berry, Cuba Gooding Jr., Samuel L. Jackson
An African-American baby, abandoned by his crack addicted mother is adopted by a white social worker and her husband. Several years later, the baby's mother finds out her son is not dead, as she thought before and goes to court to get him back.



Gandhi
Directed by Richard Attenborough
Cast: Ben Kingsley, Candice Bergen, John Gielgud, Trevor Howard, John Mills, Saeed Jaffrey, Geraldine James, Alyque Padamsee, Amrish Puri
The story of Mahatma Gandhi, and his rise from struggling lawyer in South Africa to famous leader of India. He returns to India, deciding the British have made the Indians second class citizens. He gets the people of India to rise up against the British, initially with non-violent protests...