

PICK OF THE WEEK



Our Choice

Blade II (IMDb rating 6.6)
On HBO, February 26 at 09:30 pm
Directed by Guillermo del Toro
Genre: Action/Thriller/Horror

Wesley Snipes, Kris Kristofferson, Leonor Varela
A rare mutation has occurred within the vampire community. The Reaper, a vampire so consumed with an insatiable bloodlust that they prey on vampires as well as humans, transforming victims who are unlucky enough to survive into Reapers themselves. Now their quickly expanding population threatens the existence of vampires, and soon there won't be enough humans in the world to satisfy their bloodlust.



The Sport

Australia Tour of New Zealand

The National Bank Series

Live on ESPN
3rd ODI (D/N) from Auckland
February 26 at 06:57 am
4th ODI from Wellington
March 01 at 03:27 am

The Movie

The 77th Annual

Academy Awards

On Star Movies

March 02 at 06:00 pm

Satellite TV



Forrest Gump (IMDb rating 8.2)

On HBO, February 25 at 11:30 pm

Directed by Robert Zemeckis

Genre: Drama/Comedy

Tom Hanks, Robin Wright Penn, Mykelti Williamson, Sally Field

The story follows the life of low I.Q. Forrest Gump and his meeting with the love of his life Jenny. The film chronicles his accidental experiences with some of the most important people and events in America from the late 1950's through the 1970's including a meeting with Elvis Presley, JFK, Lyndon Johnson, Richard Nixon, fighting in Vietnam, etc. The problem is, he's too stupid to realise the significance of his actions. Forrest becomes representative of the baby boomer generation having walked through life blindly.



Murder by Numbers (IMDb rating 6.0)

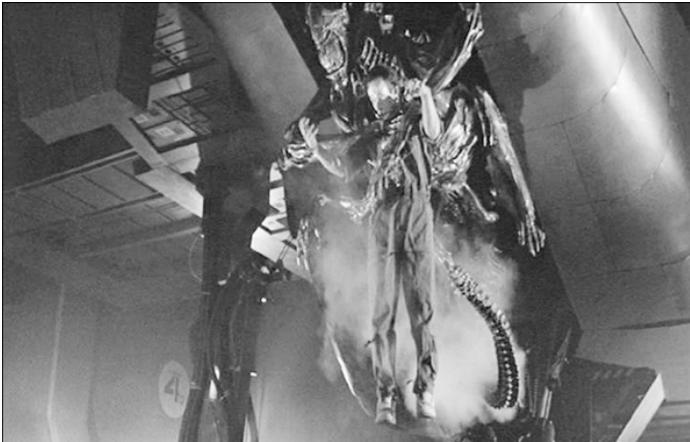
On HBO, February 27 at 08:30 pm

Directed by Barbet Schroeder

Genre: Crime/Thriller

Sandra Bullock, Ben Chaplin, Ryan Gosling, Michael Pitt, Agnes Bruckner

'Murder By Numbers' is a psychological suspense-thriller that tells the story of a tenacious homicide detective, Cassie Mayweather and her new partner Sam Kennedy who become pitted against two malevolently brilliant young men in an ingenious battle of wits as they try to solve a murder case.



Aliens (IMDb rating 8.3)

On Star Movies, February 27 at 10:05 pm

Directed by James Cameron

Genre: Sci-Fi/Action/Thriller/Horror

Sigourney Weaver, Carrie Henn, Michael Biehn, Lance Henriksen, Paul Reiser
57 years after her ordeal with an extraterrestrial creature, Ellen Ripley is rescued by a deep salvage team during her hypersleep. When she discovers that transmissions from a colony that has since settled on the alien planet suddenly stop, Ripley is offered a chance to team up with a group of marines to descend on the planet and investigate the alien presence. Determined to end the memories of the alien creature, Ripley agrees to the offer and is once again thrown back into her living nightmare.



The Human Stain (IMDb rating 6.4)

On Star Movies, February 28 at 01:15 am

Directed by Robert Benton

Genre: Drama/Romance/Thriller

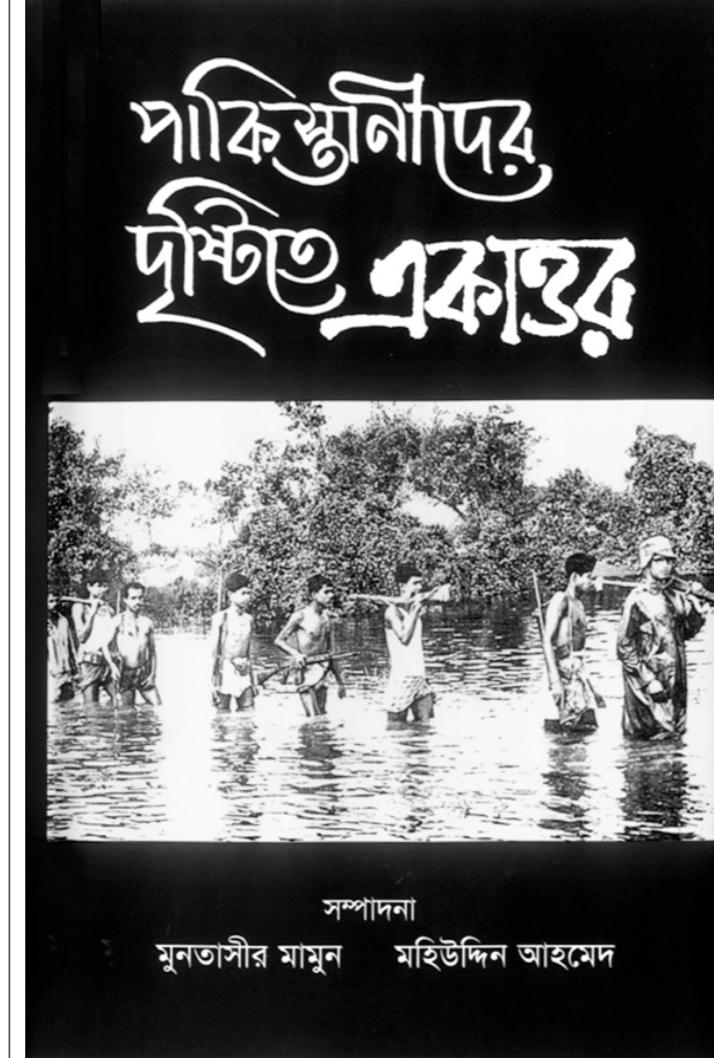
Anthony Hopkins, Nicole Kidman, Ed Harris, Gary Sinise

The Human Stain is the story of Coleman Silk, a classics professor with a terrible secret that is about to shatter his life in a small New England town. When his affair with a young troubled janitor is uncovered, the secret Silk had harboured for over fifty years from his wife, his children and colleague, writer Nathan Zuckerman, fast explodes in a conflagration of devastating consequences. It is Zuckerman who stumbles upon Silk's secret and sets out to reconstruct the unknown biography of this eminent, upright man, esteemed as an educator for nearly all his life, and to understand how this ingeniously contrived life came unravelled.

Books

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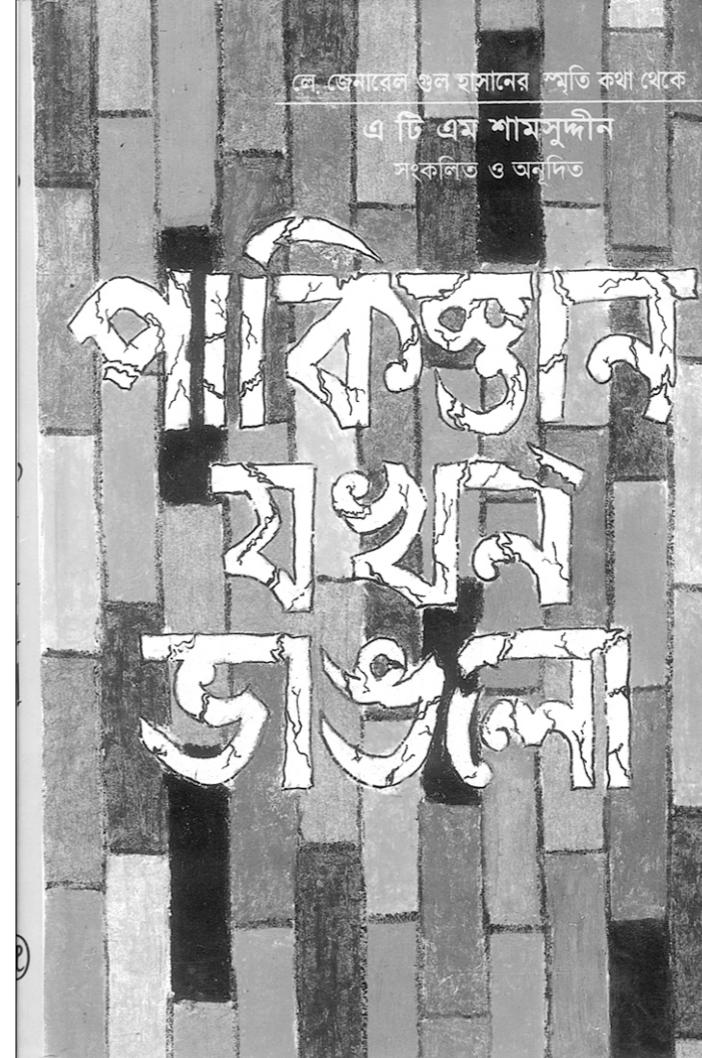
University Press Limited



Pakistander Drishtitek Ekator

(1971 in the Eyes of Pakistanis)
Edited by Muntasir Mamun & Mohiuddin Ahmed
Price: Tk. 350.00

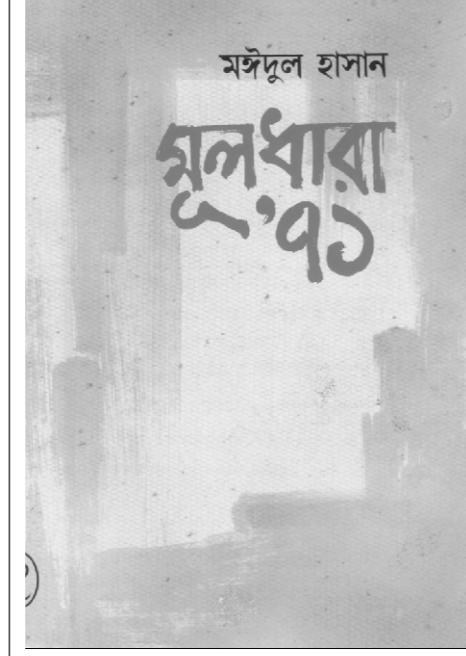
We have heard little about how Pakistanis view the incidents of 1971. For, it involves activities of the highest command in the then Pakistan Army and its failure. Moreover, the civil society of Pakistan does not enjoy much freedom of speech especially on its military. This newly arrived book has endeavoured in revealing some of that aspect. 11 military and non-military high officials and bureaucrats, nine politicians and eight representatives of the Pakistan civil society have been interviewed in this book most of whom were directly involved in policy-making for the then East Pakistan and the war of 1971. The book will surely add important elements to the documentation of the history of our nation.



Pakistan Jakhon Bhangio

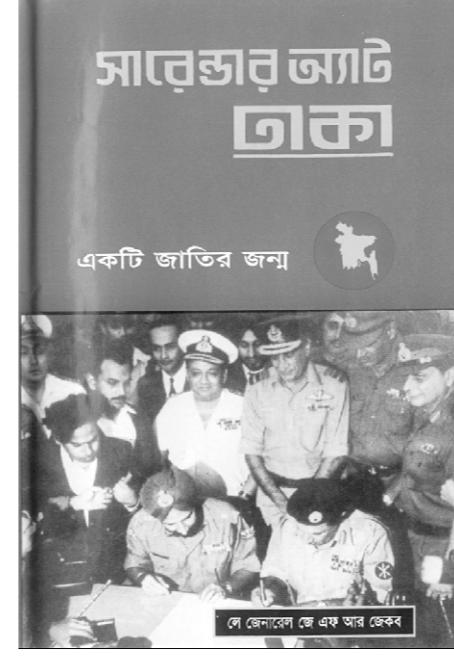
(Memoirs of Lt. Gen. Gul Hassan)
Lt. Gen. Gul Hassan
Translated & Edited by ATM Shamsuddin
Price: Tk. 110.00

Lt. Gen. Gul Hassan was the last commander-in-chief of the Pakistan Army during 1971. He was also the Chief of General Staff of the Pakistan Army during the rule of Gen. Yahya. So, he witnessed from a very close distance the rise and fall of Ayub Khan, rise of Gen. Yahya, the 1971 war, disintegration of Pakistan, emergence of sovereign Bangladesh, the fall of Yahya and the Bhutto era. His *Memoir* documents his recollection of these incidents, his feelings and realisation. The selection of that memoir will surely create interest among Bangladeshi readers as to how much biased his thoughts were regarding incidents that gave birth to our national identity.



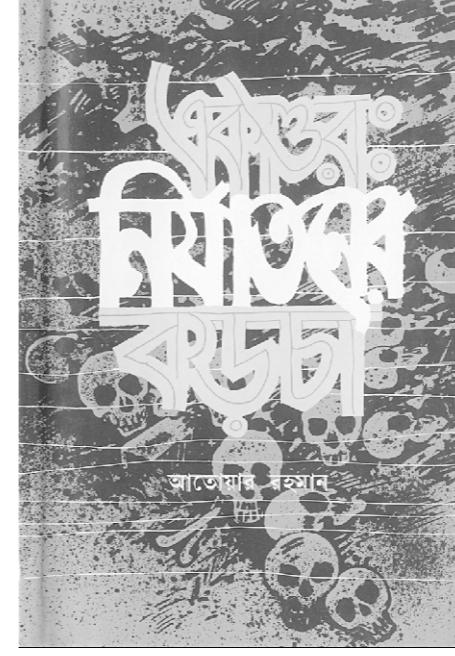
Ekator: Nirjaton Korcha

Atowar Rahman
Price: Tk. 130.00



Surrender at Dhaka

Birth of a Nation
Lt. Gen. JFR Jacob, Price: Tk. 200.00



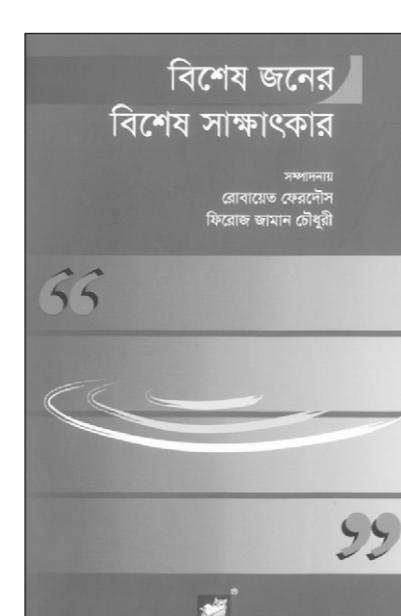
Muldhara Ekator

Moidul Hasan
Price: Tk. 180.00

Pathak Shambabesh
Bishes Joner Bishes
Shakkhatkar

(Special Interviews with Special Personalities)
Edited by Robeat Ferdous & Firoz Zaman Choudhury
Price: Tk. 275.00

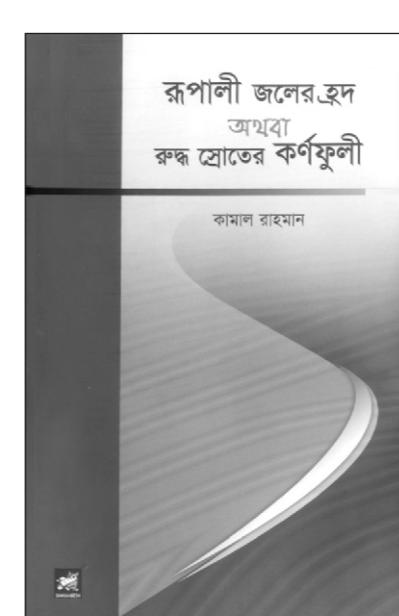
The book contains 22 interviews that have elaborated upon the history and heritage, society and its struggle of our country, religious fundamentalism and communal politics, the Language Movement and literature, the judiciary and many other relevant aspects. Reflections of renowned personalities like Sardar Fazlul Karim, Professor Serajul Islam Chowdhury, Dr Kamal Hossain, Mojaffar Ahmad, Badaruddin Umar, filmmaker Sheikh Niyamat Ali and Buddhadev Das Gupta, litterateurs Humayn Azad and suni Gangopadhyay, revolutionists Robi Nyogi and Nibedita Chowdhury Nag and many others have given a clear picture of the transformation of our society and where it is heading.

Rupali Joler Hrod Othoba Ruddho
Sroter Karnaphuli

Kamal Rahman

Price: Tk. 165.00

The novel documents the life and history of the indigenous people of Chittagong Hill Tracts during 1961-1971. Not a sequel to the writer's first novel on this subject dealing with the history between 1860 and 1960, this individual novel specially focuses on how the Kaptai barrage has come to affect these peace-loving people. It also dives deep into how the peaceful cohabitation of these people with the Bangladeshi has grown bitter over the years; why these indigenous people did not participate in the country's Liberation War significantly, and why they have become so rebellious after the independence.



Jagriti Prokashoni



Pranijagoter Jato Kotha

Asmar Osman

Price: Tk. 80.00

The book presents the enormous animal kingdom with all its wonderful features. It explores into the realm of different animals, both domestic and wild, timid and fierce, that can be found around us. The simple language—its story-telling nature—has given the book a taste that suits all ages.

Shailee Digital Prokashoni



Aadorsh Lipi

(Book with CD), Price: Tk. 80.00

Imagine a Bangla letter waltzing on the screen of your computer or TV. The 65-minute VCD starts with subtle animation of a sunrise with a background recitation of one of the most popular Bangla rhymes—*Ami hobo shokol belar pakti*. Then it takes one on a ride to the Shaheed Minar with the timeless song of *Ekushey* in the background. Its teaching sessions include names of colours, parts of the human body, primary lessons of the mother tongue—all projected in colourful animation to delight early learners. Through the pop up letters with catchy background music, children can be easily attracted to learn them.

VCDs

Classic Films



Jibon Thekey Neya

Directed by Zahir Raihan

Cast: Razzaque, Suchanda, Anwar Hossain, Rozi Samad, Rowshan Jamil, Khan Ataur Rahman

The famous movie is now on VCD under copyright won by New Eagle Video. The film depicts the situation of the country at that time through a symbolic presentation of a family. The family of two brothers and a sister is ruled by the sister in an autocratic way. Even the brother-in-law is deprived of his liberty to practice music for which he bears immense passion. When the two brothers marry, the situations grow grave even further as the bunch of keys passes to the new sisters-in-law.

Source: New Eagle Video, 74 Stadium Super Market (3rd Floor), Dhaka; Ph: 7161743



Shobuj Ghasher Dwip

Written by Mahbub Aziz

Directed by Bipul Rayhan

Cast: Tarique Anam, Tarin, Shahed, Ataur Rahman

The drama depicts some funny and emotional events when different families come to see Ratri and talk about the possible marriage. Ratri, the eldest daughter of recently retired school teacher Moklesur Rahman, is brilliant student but is not getting a husband because of her dark complexion. A youth gets involved with the family who, in order to make a film on social awareness, is interviewing one thousand people.

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