

PICK OF THE WEEK



Our Choice

Secretary (IMDb rating 7.2)
On HBO, March 20 at 02:00 am
Directed by Steven Shainberg
Genre: Drama/Comedy/Romance
James Spader, Maggie Gyllenhaal, Jeremy Davies, Lesley Ann Warren, Jessica Tuck
Lee Holloway is a smart, quirky woman in her twenties who returns to her hometown in Florida after a brief stay in a mental hospital. In search of relief from herself and her oppressive childhood environment, she starts to date a nerdy friend from high school and takes a job as a secretary in a local law firm, soon developing an obsessive crush on her older boss, Mr. Grey.



The Sport

Pakistan Tour of India

TVS Cup

3rd Test Starts

Live from Bangalore

On Ten Sports, March 24 at 10:30

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The Movie

28 Days Later... (IMDb rating 7.2)
On Star Movies, March 20 at 07:00 pm
Directed by Danny Boyle
Genre: Sci-Fi/Horror/Thriller
Alex Palmer, Bindu De Stoppani, David Schneider, Cillian Murphy, Toby Sedgwick, Naomie Harris, Noah Huntley
A powerful virus escapes from a British research facility. Transmitted in a drop of blood and devastating within seconds, the virus locks those infected into a permanent state of murderous rage. Within 28 days the country is overwhelmed and a handful of survivors begin their attempts to salvage a future, little realising that the deadly virus is not the only thing that threatens them.

Satellite TV



Clear and Present Danger, (IMDb rating 6.8)
On HBO, March 20 at 08:30 pm
Directed by Phillip Noyce, Genre: Action/Thriller/Drama
Harrison Ford, Willem Dafoe, Anne Archer, Joaquim de Almeida
CIA analyst Jack Ryan is thrust right in the middle of a power struggle within the Colombian drug cartel after one of the President's "life long" friends is murdered, apparently in retaliation for stealing money as part of a money laundering scheme for the cartel. Jack is then appointed acting Deputy Director of Intelligence, CIA, upon the terminal illness of former DDI, and quickly gets in over his head due to his political naivete. The situation rapidly deteriorates when some of the president's men convince the president to conduct covert actions against the cartel, in direct violation of congress.



Pet Sematary (IMDb rating 5.7)
On HBO, March 18 at 11:15 pm
Directed by Mary Lambert
Genre: Horror
Dale Midkiff, Fred Gwynne, Denise Crosby, Brad Greenquist
The Creeds have just moved to a new house in the countryside. Their house is perfect, except for two things: the semi-trailers that roar past on the narrow road, and the mysterious cemetery in the woods behind the house. The Creed's neighbours are reluctant to talk about the cemetery, and for good reason too.

A Knight's Tale (IMDb rating 6.5), On HBO, March 21 at 01:15 am
Directed by Brian Helgeland, Genre: Action/Comedy/Adventure
Heath Ledger, Rufus Sewell, Shannyn Sossamon, Paul Bettany, Laura Fraser, Mark Addy, Bérénice Bejo
Inspired by *The Canterbury Tales*, this is the story of William, a young squire with a gift for jousting. After his master dies suddenly, the squire hits the road with his cohorts Roland and Wat. On the journey, they stumble across an unknown writer, Chaucer. William, lacking a proper pedigree, convinces Chaucer to forge genealogy documents that will pass him off as a knight. With his newly-minted history in hand, the young man sets out to prove himself a worthy knight at the country's jousting competition, and finds romance along the way.

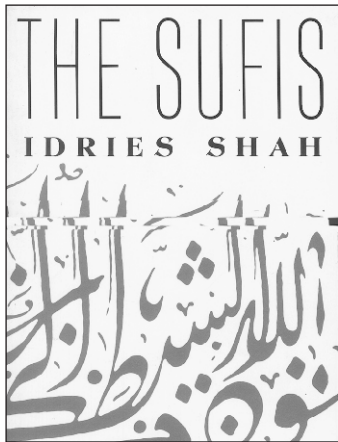


Meet Joe Black (IMDb rating 6.5)
On Star Movies, March 22 at 07:00 pm
Directed by Martin Brest
Genre: Fantasy/Mystery/Romance/Drama
Brad Pitt, Anthony Hopkins, Claire Forlani, Jake Weber, Marcia Gay Harden
Bill Parrish, media tycoon, loving father and still a human being, is about to celebrate his 65th birthday. One morning, he is contacted by the Inevitable--by hallucination, as he thinks. Later, Death itself enters his home and his life, personified in a man's body: Joe Black has arrived.

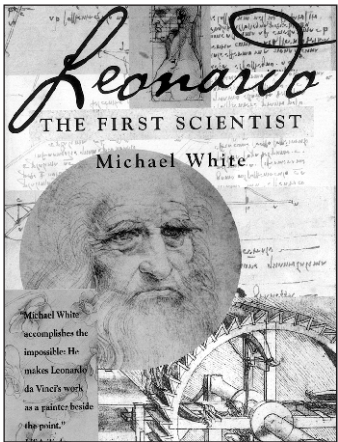


Goodfellas (IMDb rating 8.6)
On HBO, March 22 at 01:30 am
Directed by Martin Scorsese
Genre: Crime/Drama
Robert De Niro, Ray Liotta, Joe Pesci, Lorraine Bracco, Paul Sorvino
Henry Hill is a small time gangster, who takes part in a robbery with Jimmy Conway and Tommy De Vito, two other gangsters who have set their sights a bit higher. His two partners kill off everyone else involved in the robbery, and slowly start to climb up through the hierarchy of the Mob. Henry, however, is badly affected by his partners success, but will he stoop low enough to bring about the downfall of Jimmy and Tommy?

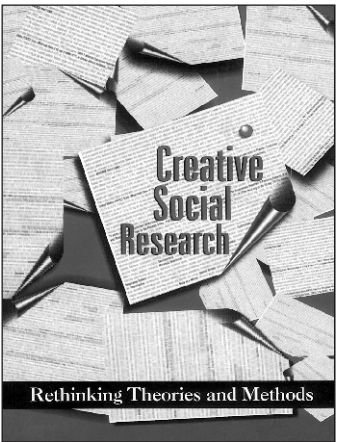
Books



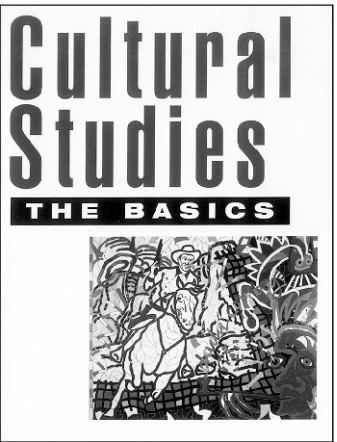
The Sufis
Idries Shah
Price: Tk. 1455.00
The Sufis is the first authoritative, responsible book on Sufism, and as such it fills a colossal gap in Western documentation of Eastern subjects. Following a mystical teaching and a way of life that have had an enormous, though largely unrecognized, impact on both the East and the West for four thousand years, the Sufis believe not that theirs is a religion, but that it is religion.



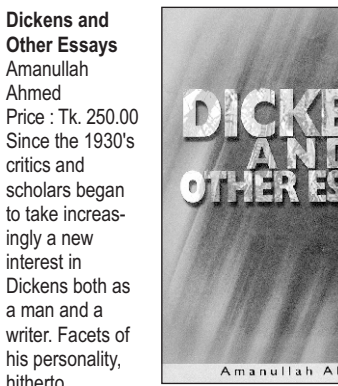
Leonardo: The First Scientist
Michael White
Price: Tk. 1290.00
Celebrated as a painter and engineer during his lifetime, Leonardo da Vinci was the very embodiment of the Renaissance Man. But few guessed the extent of his scientific investigations and experiments. In a vast collection of notebooks (over 5,000 pages), Leonardo meticulously detailed his research on optics, mechanics, astronomy, and anatomy.



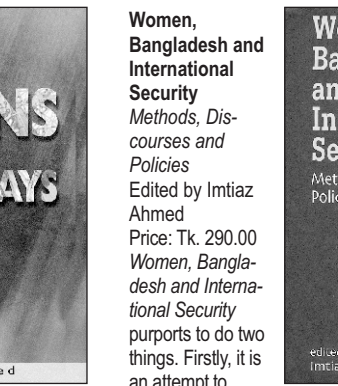
Creative Social Research
Rethinking Theories and Methods
Edited by Ananta Kumar Gin
Price: Tk. 1075.00
Creative Social Research calls for a fundamental reconceptualisation and transformation of contemporary research methods in the social sciences. Leading scholars from a variety of disciplines and geographies establish the ways in which both the traditions of non-Western societies and contemporary global developments can be incorporated.



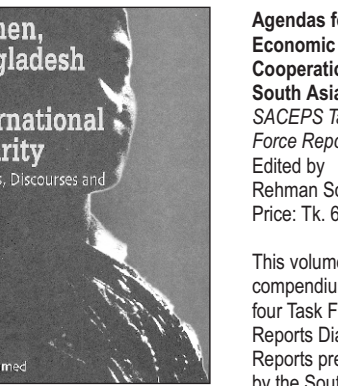
Cultural Studies
The Basics
Jeff Lewis, Price: Tk. 3095.00
Cultural Studies--The Basics is an exhaustive critical introduction, providing illuminating accounts of the strengths, weaknesses and positions of different cultural theories and analytical paradigms. Lewis presents biographical information on major theorists plus a thorough assessment of key texts, and demonstrates how cultural theories are applied to contemporary themes.



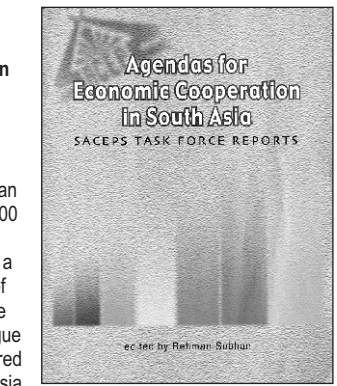
Dickens and Other Essays
Amanullah Ahmed
Price: Tk. 250.00
Since the 1930's critics and scholars began to take increasing interest in Dickens both as a man and a writer. Facets of his personality, hitherto unknown, were discovered and they shed new light on his writings. Dickens began to be regarded not merely as a humorous writer but a serious artist, deeply preoccupied with the essential issues of life. In course of time, Dickens attracted so much interest from critics and scholars that innumerable number of books, essays and biographies were turned out every year. Soon people began to speak of the Dickens boom or Dickens industry. Of the ten essays, selected for this book from the writings of Professor Amanullah Ahmed, four are devoted to an evaluation of Dickens as a novelist.



Women, Bangladesh and International Security
Methods, Discourses and Policies
Edited by Imtiaz Ahmed
Price: Tk. 290.00
Women, Bangladesh and International Security purports to do two things. Firstly, it is an attempt to relate the life and living of Bangladesh women with the domain called international security. Secondly, it is an attempt to understand the engendered relationship between the national and the international. Often the idea is that women issues are mainly of domestic concern, with women hardly contributing to the domain of the international. This view is strongly challenged by the authors of this volume.

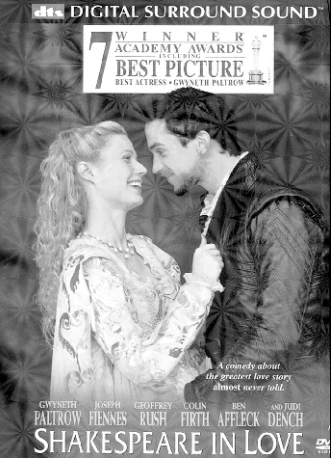


Agendas for Economic Cooperation in South Asia
SACEPS Task Force Reports
Edited by Rehman Sobhan
Price: Tk. 600.00
This volume is a compendium of four Task Force Reports Dialogue Reports prepared by the South Asia Centre for Policy Studies (SACEPS). The Task Forces were mandated by SACEPS to carry out indepth examination of the possible modalities to take forward the interests of South Asian cooperation in their respective areas. A collaborative endeavour involving many institutions and individuals of the region, the Task Forces were engaged in both research and dialogue across the region with a view to drawing in a wider constituency that was supportive of closer cooperation among the countries of South Asia.

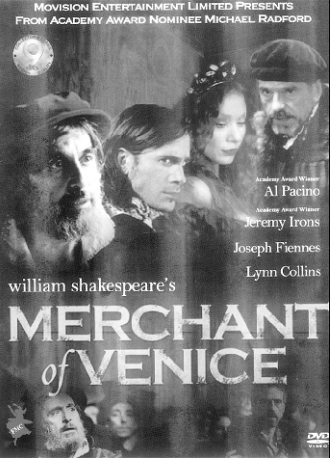


CDs, VCDs & DVDs

Classic Films



Shakespeare in Love (1998)
Directed by John Madden
Cast: Joseph Fiennes, Gwyneth Paltrow, Judi Dench, Geoffrey Rush
Price: Tk. 150.00
Romantic comedy set in London in the late 16th century: Young playwright William Shakespeare struggles with his latest work "Romeo and Ethel the Pirate's Daughter".



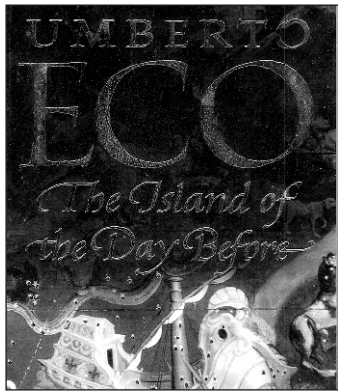
The Merchant of Venice (2004)
Directed by Michael Radford
Cast: Al Pacino, Jeremy Irons, Joseph Fiennes, Lynn Collins, Price: Tk. 120.00
Shylock has grown wealthy through the abomination of money-lending... the only profession open to Jewish businessmen of that time, as Christians were forbidden to do so, by their religious law.



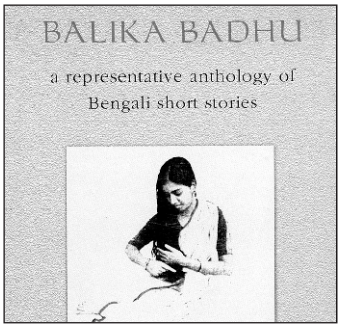
The Aviator (2004)
Directed by Martin Scorsese
Cast: Leonardo DiCaprio, Cate Blanchett, Kate Beckinsale
Price: Tk. 100.00
The script begins as a young Hughes directs one of Scorsese's favorite films, Hell's Angels. Hughes was so obsessed with perfection in the aerial sequences that he waits forever for perfect conditions, right down to cloud formations.



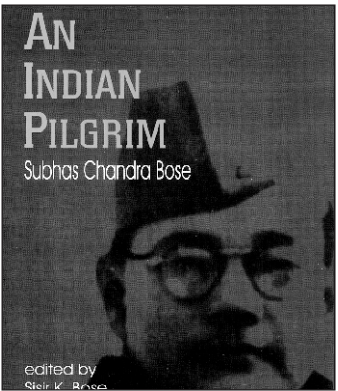
The 400 Blows (1959)
Directed by François Truffaut
Cast: Jean-Pierre Léaud, Claire Maurier
Price: Tk. 130.00
Antoine Doinel is a 14 year old Parisian. His parents do not show much interest in him. He skips school to go to the movies and play with his friends. He discovers his mother has a lover. Antoine steals a typewriter, which leads to his suspension from school... to conceal that he suffers.



Island of the Day Before
Umberto Eco
Set in the 17th century, in Italy, France and on the high seas, this is a tale of medieval legends and dastardly deeds, mixed with portions of exploration literature. Roberto, a young nobleman, waits alone on a Pacific island, separated from the island beyond: the island of the day before.



Balika Badhu
A Representative Anthology of Bengali Short Stories
Translated by Monish Ranjan Chatterjee
This volume includes stories by ten of the most well-known practitioners of Bengali short stories: Balika Badhu, Abhagir Swarga, Mahesh, Puin Mancha, Tarini Majhi, Dehantar, Chokh Gyalu, Parul Prasanga, Ek Phonta Jal, Sarthakata, Nudi O Taalgaachh, Pukure, Taj Mahal, Level Crossing, Fossil, Ajantrik, Ras, Ekti Shatru Kahini.



An Indian Pilgrim
An Unfinished Autobiography
Subhas Chandra Bose
This autobiography supplies the material with which to study the socio-cultural environment in which Subhas Chandra Bose grew up and the lineaments of his intellectual development. Bose was one of India's major militant nationalist leaders.



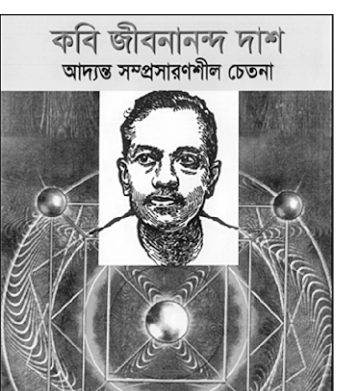
Leaves of Grass
Walt Whitman
For many, Walt Whitman and Emily Dickinson stand as the two giants of 19th century American poetry. Whitman's poetry seems more quintessentially American; the poet exposed common America and spoke with a distinctly American voice, stemming from a distinct American consciousness.

Assessment Methods and Standard Loss Database for Bangladesh

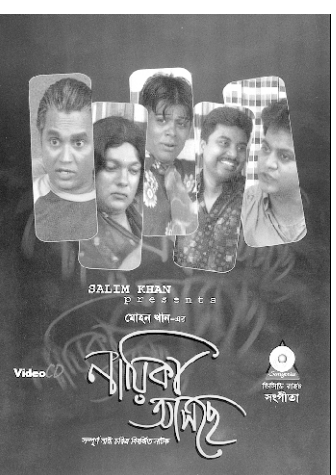
KM Nabiul Islam
Published by Palok Publishers, 8/2 North South Road, Purana Pallan, Dhaka, Price : Tk. 380.00
This book examines the applicability of the existing advanced-countries oriented methods of urban flood loss assessments from developing country perspectives, and develops methods suitable for Bangladesh. An important contribution of the research is the construction of standard flood loss database of a significantly higher quality that are available hitherto in Bangladesh. Apart from helping assessment of flood loss at the macro and the micro level, the methods developed and the standard damage data sets constructed may be used as a guide to appraise flood protection schemes. Besides, this will facilitate the evaluation of agricultural projects more comprehensively in future, through incorporating losses that can be averted in such schemes--the aspect of which has so long largely been ignored.

Some Thoughts on Bangladesh

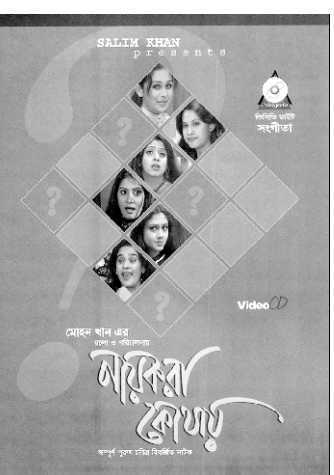
M Abdul Latif Mondal
Price: Tk. 200.00
Published by Krishnachura Prokashani
This book contains twenty-five essays published in newspapers between September 26, 2003 and December 12, 2004. Like any other modern state, Bangladesh stands on three basic pillars: executive, judiciary and legislature. The essays discuss some of the problems of these three organs of the state. Further, the essays discuss some problems that have been dominating our political, economic and social systems. For instance, unbridled corruption in almost all spheres of our national life, influence of black money and muscle power on elections, national and local, politicisation of the administration and appointments in the higher judiciary, failure of the parliament to meet the nation's expectations, abject poverty and food insecurity, food adulteration, price hike of essential commodities, desertification process in Bangladesh due to man-made activities are some serious problems that the nation has been facing for the last three decades or so. An attempt has been made to identify the reasons of these problems and suggest some remedial measures.



Kobi Jibanananda Das
(Poet Jibanananda Das)
Mahmud Nasir Jahangir, Price: Tk. 125.00
Bangla poetry has mainly developed its conscience through Jibanananda Das. A huge part of literary criticism has therefore evolved centering around him. The present book has introduced the poet of the quiet in a new light. The discussion is based on the political division of the entire literary career of Das. And to that end, the author has divided it into four: 1919-1926, 1926-1937, 1937-1947, and 1947-1954. The changes in phases had given rise to different ideas and realisation. The book is a must read for the lovers and critics of Bangla poetry as well as Jibanananda Das.



Nayika Ashchhe
Drama by Mohon Khan
Cast: Azizul Hakim, Sohail Arman, Joy, Mir Sabbir, Jeetu Ahsan
This is a story of three unemployed friends Hira, Chuni and Panna. They live in a flat in Old Dhaka with five months' house rent pending. Their landlord Shahar Ali passes his days watching TV. The trio goes out as if for office but roam about the city. They lure Shahar Ali that they would introduce him to the hit actress Diljan and take him to director for a chance in films. Shahar Ali rehearses with Diljan. But Kaula, Shahar's helping hand, suspects from the beginning that Diljan is not what she appears to be....



Nayakra Kothay
Drama by Mohon Khan
Cast: Tonima Hamid, Rumana Khan, Suraiya Rafri, Meem, Farah Ruma, Nasima Khan
Nasima Khan is training up girls at her institute 'Naristhan' in order to make them fit for different sectors. She believes that once passed in a category, one has to stick to that category forever. One day a woman comes with her beautiful niece to Naristhan. As everyone wants to influence the young girl, awkward incidents start taking place following this arrival.

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