

PICK OF THE WEEK



Our Choice

The Iron Giant (IMDb rating 7.8)

On HBO, March 31 at 09:30 pm

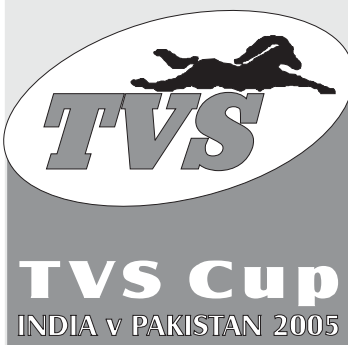
Directed by Brad Bird

Genre: Family/Animation/Sci-Fi

Voices by: Vin Diesel, Jennifer Aniston, Harry Connick Jr., James Gammon

Iron Giant is based upon the 1968 story, *Iron Man*, by the British poet laureate Ted Hughes.

The film is about a giant metal machine that drops from the sky and frightens a small town in Maine in 1958, only to befriend a nine-year-old boy named Hogarth. The iron machine ultimately finds its humanity by unselfishly saving the town's people from their fears and prejudices.



The Sport

Pakistan Tour of India

TVS Cup

3rd Test continues

Live from Bangalore

On Ten Sports, March 25-28 at 10:30

am



The Movie

Edward Scissorhands (IMDb rating 7.7)

On Star Movies, March 30 at 10:45 pm

Directed by Tim Burton

Genre: Drama/Fantasy/Romance

Johnny Depp, Winona Ryder, Dianne Wiest
Peg Boggs, the local Avon lady, is having a bad day. As a last resort she tries her luck at the old castle at the end of her street. Once at the castle, she meets Edward, who's inventor died before he finished making him. Peg decides to adopt Edward and bring him down from the castle. Edward and his scissor-hands soon stir up curiosity in the community and before long they have all taken him to their hearts, but despite Edward's talents for cutting hair and hedges, will the community accept him as a person?

Satellite TV



Presumed Innocent (IMDb rating 6.8)

On HBO, March 26 at 12:15 am

Directed by Alan J. Pakula

Genre: Crime/Drama/Thriller

Harrison Ford, Brian Dennehy, Raul Julia, Bonnie Bedelia, Greta Scacchi

When a female D.A. is killed, the D.A. assigns his assistant to handle the investigation. Only problem is that he was having an affair with her. And the evidence reveals that he is the killer. So he suspects that the man who wants his boss' job is trying to frame him. He turns to Sandy Stern a highly celebrated defense attorney to represent him.



Most Wanted (IMDb rating 5.2)

On HBO, March 27 at 11:30 pm

Directed by David Hogan

Genre: Action/Thriller

Keenen Ivory Wayans, Jon Voight, Michael Marich, Jill Hennessy

Sgt. James Dunn, who is wrongly accused of assassination of the officer he had a row with, is saved from death row and recruited for top-secret special operations squad led by Lt. Col Grant Casey. Their mission is to neutralise criminals who had avoided conventional law enforcement methods. On his first Mission, James is made the fall guy for the assassination of the first lady and everyone is looking for him and Dr. Victoria Constantini who was lucky to videotape what happened. One of the forces looking for him is military, led by Gen. Adam Woodward, which is in fact an alias for Grant Casey.

Spartacus

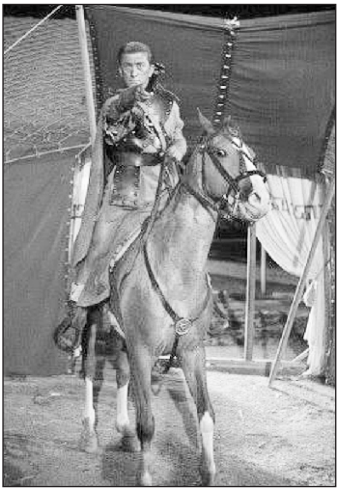
(IMDb rating 8.0)

On Star Movies, March 26 at 07:00 pm

Directed by Stanley Kubrick

Genre: Romance/War/Action/Drama

Kirk Douglas, Laurence Olivier, Jean Simmons, Charles Laughton, Peter Ustinov, John Gavin, Nina Foch



The rebellious Thracian Spartacus, born and raised a slave, is sold to Gladiator trainer Battatus. After weeks of being trained to kill for the arena, Spartacus turns on his owners and leads the other slaves in rebellion. As the rebels move from town to town, their numbers swell as escaped slaves join their ranks. Under the leadership of Spartacus, they make their way to southern Italy, where they will cross the sea and return to their homes. Meanwhile, in Rome, the slave revolt has become a deciding factor in the power struggle between two senators: the republican Gracchus and the militarist Crassus, each of whom sees the fortunes of the rebellion as the key to his own rise to power or humiliating defeat. As the two statesmen attempt to aid, hinder and manipulate the rebels for their own benefit, Spartacus and his followers press on toward freedom.



Tommy Boy (IMDb rating 6.5)

On HBO, March 28 at 09:30 pm

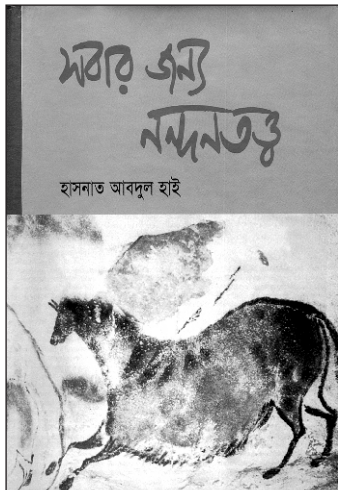
Directed by Peter Segal

Genre: Comedy

Chris Farley, David Spade, Brian Dennehy, Bo Derek, Julie Warner

Tommy Callahan Jr. is a slow-witted, clumsy guy who recently graduated college after attending for seven years. His father, Big Tom Callahan, owns an auto parts factory in Ohio. When Tommy arrives back home, he finds he has a position at the factory waiting for him. His dad also introduces Tommy to the new brake pad division of the factory and to Tommy's soon-to-be stepmother, Beverly, and her son Paul. But when Big Tom dies, the factory threatens to go under unless the new brake pads are to be sold. Therefore, Tommy must go on the road to sell them, along with the assistance of Richard, Big Tom's right-hand man. Will Tommy save the company, or will the factory, and the town, go under?

Books

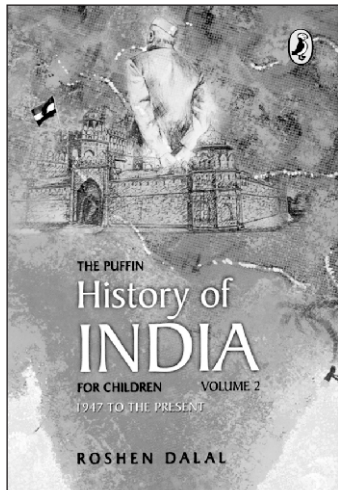


Shobar Jonnyo Nandatatwa

(Aesthetics for All)

Hasnat Abdul Hye

Price: Tk. 295.00



The Puffin History of India for Children

Roshen Dalal

Volume two

Price: Tk. 500.00

Making of a Nation

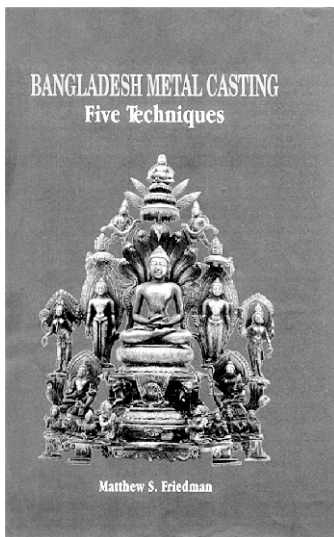
Bangladesh: An Economist's Tale

Nurul Islam

Price: Tk. 550.00

Professor Nurul Islam provides a penetrating analysis of the evolving struggle of the Bengalis' with Pakistan government's policies on economic issues that led to the birth of Bangladesh. He also provides an insight into the important landmark economic policy issues during Bangladesh's formative years. The book begins by providing for the first time an insider's view of many little known aspects or subjects of economic debates and negotiations with Pakistan that caused the great divide between East and West Pakistan. He also examines in great detail the far reaching implications of Awami League's Six Point Programme, which was not fully understood by many at that time. In his capacity as the Deputy Chairman of the first Bangladesh Planning Commission he was not only intimately associated with but also had a unique insight into both the underlying rationale, the process of decision making and of governance in those formative years. The interpretation or assessment of some of these policy issues and developments remains a subject of considerable controversy. Professor Islam's analysis is seen as a major contribution to the debate which attempts to fill many gaps in facts and interpretation. In the concluding part of the book, he discusses a few policy issues of contemporary importance for Bangladesh in the light of the past and for the purposes of the future.

Bangladesh Metal Casting



Bengal Muslim League and Muslim Politics:

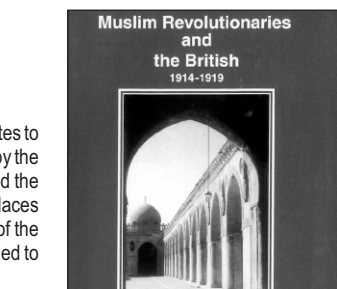
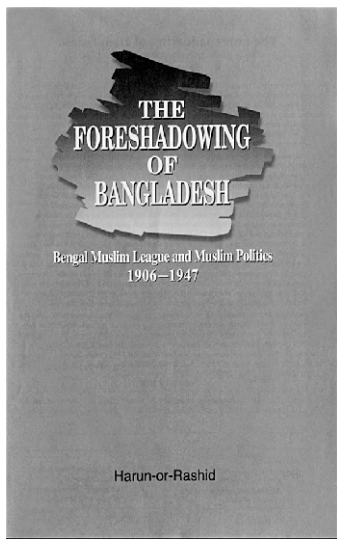
1906-1947

Harun-or-Rashid

Price: Tk. 525.00

This study covers, what Leonard A. Gordon calls, the 'neglected history of Bengali Muslims before 1947'. It provides a detailed account of the Bengal Muslim League during the period from 1906 to 1947. It covers its various aspects, such as, problems of organisation, policies and mobilisation, nature of leadership, inner party conflict, bases of support and relations with the parent all-India body. A special attempt has been made to show how the formerly popular Krishak Praja Party disappeared from the political scene of Bengal, ironically, during the Chief Ministership of its architect, AK Fazlul Huq, and how the Muslim League emerged as the Muslim nationalist movement in eastern India within a decade.

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Volume 1, July 2004

Muslim Revolutionaries and the British

1914-1919

Kali Afzal

Price: Tk. 325.00

The Muslim revolutionaries and the British is an account of an undercover movement of the Muslims to overthrow the British Indian Empire. It relates to the period from August 1914 to September 1939. The earliest political movement for the liberation of the Indo-Pakistan subcontinent was started by the Muslim Revolutionaries in the first quarter of the nineteenth century. To suppress it the Bengal Regulation III of 1818 was passed which enabled the British rulers to detain a person without trial during peace time. But neither this Regulation, nor the State Trials at Malda, at Rajshahi and at other places in the third quarter of that century could exterminate the Muslim anarchists. Several military expeditions were sent to destroy the 'rebel camps' of the revolutionaries who had established settlements in the 'No Man's Land' beyond the British India's North-West Frontier. But these expeditions failed to crush the movement.

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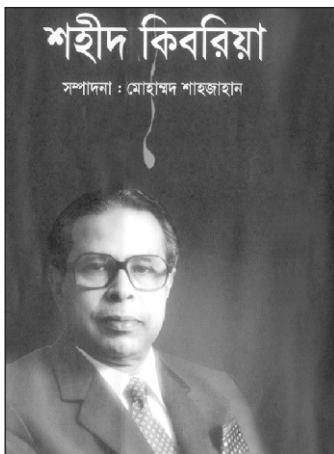
Maya--Mirror of Soul

Ferdous Jalil & Farah Naz

Price: Tk. 270.00

Maya is illusion, infatuation, fascination, affection, attachment or a beguiling enticement in the world of material, physical and phenomenal nature. It is spell of illusion which creates temptation in one's mind to have feelings of compassion, tenderness or the magical illumination of love, care and passion. It is the realm of mind where metaphysical elements disintegrate through self-destruction...to these young poets, *Maya--Mirror of Soul* is all about those finer tunes of life and living.

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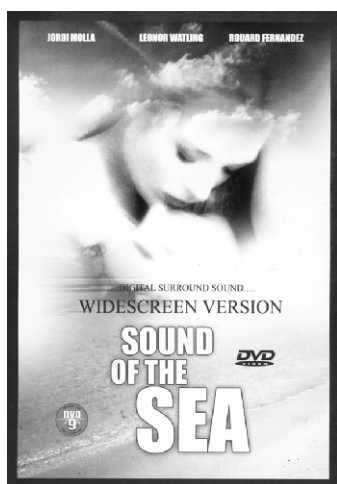
Shei Raater Kotha Boltey Eshechhi

Documentary film by Kawsar Chowdhury

Price: DVD Tk. 150.00, VCD

Tk. 100.00

The story of the darkest night in the life of Bangladeshis cannot be told in a single film. For, the darkness still remains with all its pain and loss. The true history has been tarnished. The new generation has been kept in darkness. Kawsar Chowdhury's documentary presents that history for the new generation.



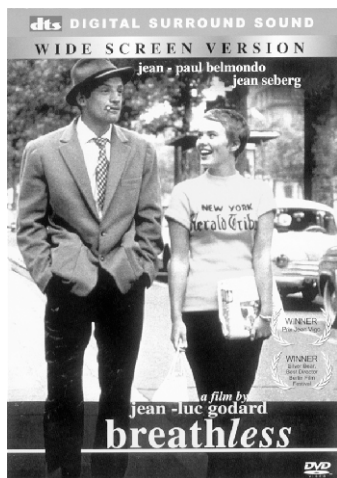
Sound of the Sea (2001)

Directed by JJ Bigas

Cast: Jordi Mollà, Leonor Watling, Eduard Fernández, Sergio Caballero

Price: Tk. 190.00

A new teacher for literature, Ulises, comes to a small town near the sea and falls in love with a young woman, Martina. This woman is loved by a rich businessman but choose Ulises. Soon after their marriage and the birth of their son Ulises vanishes and is supposed to be dead. In the meanwhile Martina marries the businessman, but years later Ulises appears again...



Breathless (1960)

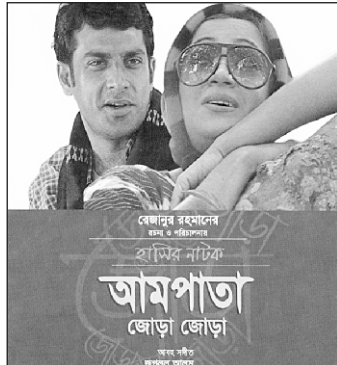
Directed by Jean-Luc Godard

Cast: Jean-Paul Belmondo, Jean Seberg, Jean Boudanger, Jean-Pierre Melville

Price: Tk. 120.00

Michel is a young thug who romantically models himself on Humphrey Bogart. While driving a stolen car, Michel shoots a policeman who follows him onto a country road. Penniless and on the run from the police, he turns to his American girlfriend Patricia, a student and aspiring journalist. Patricia agrees to hide him and the two spend their time evading the police, making love and stealing cars to raise money for a trip to Italy. As the police net tightens, Michel's bravado and desperation grow...

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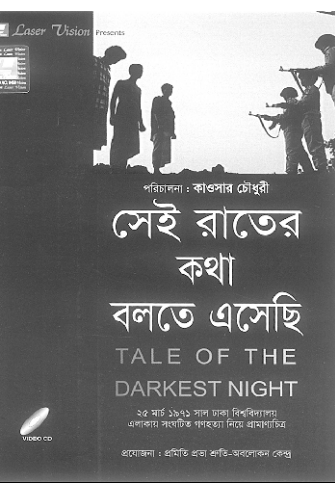


Ampata Jora Jora

Drama by Rezanur Rahman

Cast: Tania Ahmed, Ahmed Rubel, Mohammad Bari, Parvin Mahbuba

Mentally unbalanced Hashi becomes the daughter-in-law of the Mandols for a big amount of dowry. Bilkis of the Mandols loves a man in the neighbourhood. When their love is at its peak, her cousin arrives and wants to marry her as his fourth wife. The play turns more funny afterwards...



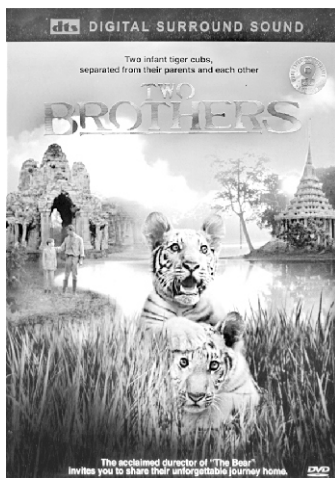
Jules and Jim (1962)

Directed by François Truffaut

Cast: Oskar Werner, Henri Serre, Jeanne Moreau, Yanna Urbino

Price: Tk. 130.00

In Paris, 1900, two friends, Jules (Austrian) and Jim (French) fall in love with the same woman, Catherine. But Catherine loves and marries Jules. After WWII, when they meet again in Germany, Catherine starts to love Jim... This is the story of three people in love, a love which does not affect their friendship, and about how their relationship evolves with the years.

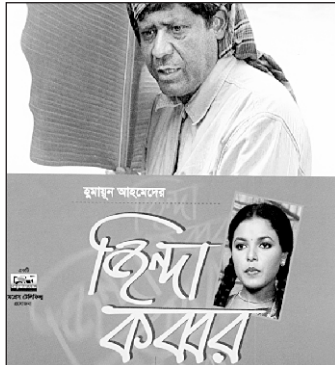


Two Brothers (2004)

Directed by Jean-Jacques Annaud

Cast: Guy Pearce, Jean-Claude Dreyfus, Freddie Highmore, Philippine Leroy-Beaulieu, Price: Tk. 120.00

Set not so long ago in a distant land, the film follows the adventures of twin tiger cubs--one shy and gentle, the other bold and fierce--who are born among the temple ruins of an exotic jungle. However, on a fateful day, the brothers are separated by fate. The bold brother is sold off to a circus, where homesickness and living in a cage rob him of his spirit. Meanwhile, the shy cub becomes the beloved companion of the governor's lonely young son, until an accident forces the family to give him away to a man who resolves to break his gentle nature and turn him into a fighter for sport.



Jinda Kabbar

Drama by Humayun Ahmed

Cast: Shawon, Pijush Bandyopadhyay, Ejajul Islam, Challenger, Naznin

Sagir Pagol lives under the banyan tree with three puppies and their mother. He views man as evil and therefore wants to go to grave. And he wants to go alive! He asks for a piece of land for the grave from the Matabbar. And one day, he really goes into the grave, while everything at the Matabbar's family goes wrong...