

PICK OF THE WEEK



Our Choice

Rasputin (IMDb rating 6.8)On HBO, April 05 at 09:30 pm
Directed by Uli EdelGenre: Drama
Alan Rickman, Greta Scacchi, Ian McKellen, David Warner

In 1910s Russia, Tsar Nicholas II and his wife Alexandra find their son Alexei, sole heir to the Romanov dynasty, suffering from hemophilia and conventional medicine failing to help him. Alexandra looks into finding holistic treatment and finds Father Grigori Rasputin, a destitute monk who claims he had a vision from the Virgin Mary telling him that the Tsar needed him.

The Sport

*Pakistan Tour of India**Pepsi Cup*

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1st ODI, Cochin

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The Movie

Total Recall (IMDb rating 7.2)On Star Movies, April 02 at 09:05 pm
Directed by Paul VerhoevenGenre: Action/Adventure/Sci-Fi/Thriller
Arnold Schwarzenegger, Rachel Ticotin

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Satellite TV



Identity (IMDb rating 7.3)
On HBO, April 02 at 09:30 pm
Directed by James Mangold
Genre: Horror/Mystery/Thriller/Drama
John Cusack, Ray Liotta, Amanda Peet, John Hawkes, Alfred Molina, Clea DuVall
Strangers from all different walks of life: a limo driver escorting a movie star, parents with a young son, a cop transporting a convict, a prostitute, a young couple, and a motel manager are caught up in a nasty rainstorm. Why they're caught up is that they're stuck in a motel in desolate Nevada. But soon they realize they may be at the motel for a reason when one by one, people start getting killed. As tensions flare and fingers are pointed, they have to get to the bottom of why they're there. While in an undisclosed location, a psychiatrist is trying to prove the innocence of a man accused of murder in an eleventh hour trial. How these two scenarios are related can only be found in Identity.



Mystery Men (IMDb rating 5.8)
On Star Movies, April 01 at 07:00 pm
Directed by Kinka Usher
Genre: Action/Comedy/Fantasy/Crime
Hank Azaria, Claire Forlani, Greg Kinnear, Lena Olin, Geoffrey Rush, Ben Stiller
In Champion City, would be superheroes like The Shoemaker, The Blue Raja and Mr. Furious can't seem to make a difference and impress either the city or its greatest superhero, Captain Amazing. However, when Captain Amazing is captured by his greatest enemy, Cassanova Frankenstein, these stumblebum heroes must join with other superhero hopefuls to save the Captain and the city.

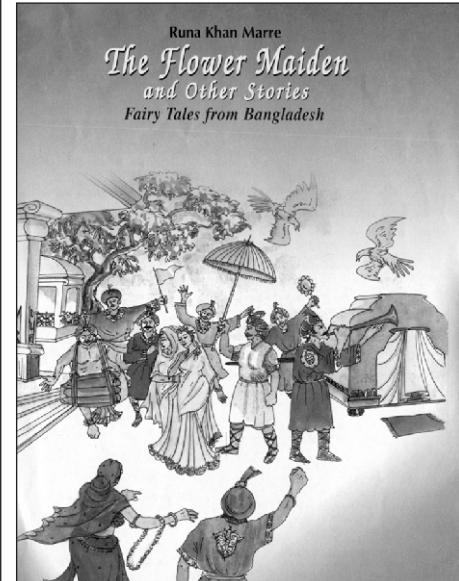


The Princess Diaries (IMDb rating 6.0)
On Star Movies, 07:00 pm
Directed by Garry Marshall
Genre: Family/Comedy
Julie Andrews, Anne Hathaway, Hector Elizondo, Heather Matarazzo, Mandy Moore
A socially awkward but very bright 15-year-old girl being raised by a single mom discovers that she is the princess of a small European country because of the recent death of her long-absent father, who, unknown to her, was the crown prince of Genovia. She must make a choice between continuing the life of a San Francisco teen or stepping up to the throne. While Mia makes up her mind, she's pressed into taking princess lessons from her grandmother.



8MM (IMDb rating 5.9)
On Star Movies, April 06 at 08:40 pm
Directed by Joel Schumacher
Genre: Mystery/Thriller
Nicolas Cage, Joaquin Phoenix, James Gandolfini, Peter Stormare, Anthony Heald
A small, seemingly innocuous plastic reel of film leads surveillance specialist Tom Welles down an increasingly dark and frightening path. With the help of the streetwise Max, Welles relentlessly follows a bizarre trail of evidence to determine the fate of a complete stranger. As his work turns into obsession, he drifts farther and farther away from his wife, family and simple life as a small-town private eye.

Books

*The Flower Maiden and Other Stories**Fairy Tales from Bangladesh*

Runa Khan Marre

Price: Tk. 175.00

Like other Bengali children, the writer Runa Khan Marre heard fairy tales from her old nannies and other household storytellers. Now she has compiled these stories in a simplified English translation for other children. Many of the tales are common to both Bangladesh and West Bengal. Some of them may be found in *Thakur ma's Jhuli* compiled by DM Majumdar. Runa Khan Marre's versions are slightly different, being filtered through the several retellings that these stories have undergone.

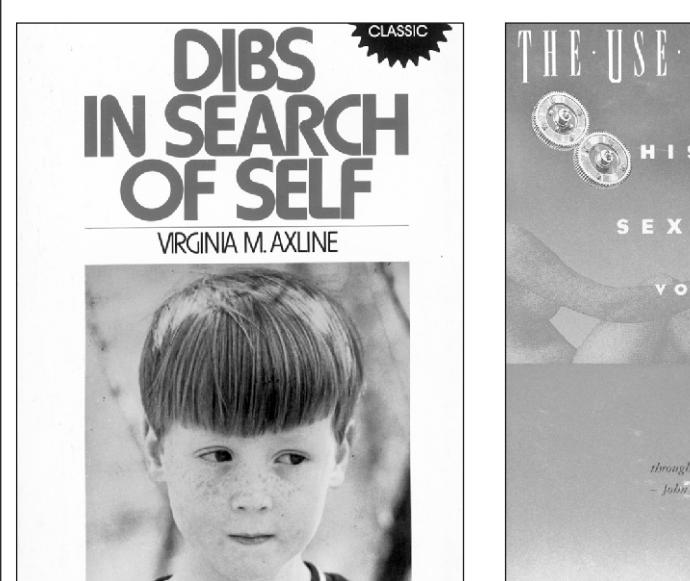
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*Songs of Tagore**Philosophy, Selected Translations, Paintings*

Muhammad Anisur Rahman

Price: Tk. 395.00

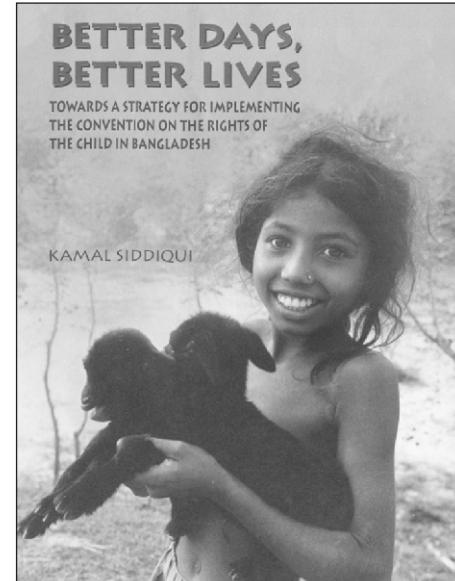
This book has emerged from the author's attempts to translate songs of Rabindranath Tagore for non-Bengali listeners and members of singing groups that the author has directed, and for participants in international seminars and workshops where songs have been exchanged as a cultural dialogue between nationalities in-between intellectual exchanges. The author discusses the place of song in Tagore's philosophy; as a pathway and communication as the poet saw it between the human and the Divine. The book also presents selections of paintings of a group of artists who have joined in a companion project to do paintings on songs of their choice from those presented in this book and have presented them in an exhibition at Dhaka in August 1999.

*Dibs in Search of Self*

Virginia M Axline

Price: Tk. 630.00

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*Better Days, Better Lives**Towards a Strategy for Implementing the Convention on the Rights of the Child in Bangladesh*

Kamal Siddiqui

Price: Tk. 200.00

A pioneering effort, this book provides a penetrating analysis of problems facing the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) in Bangladesh, and offers, hopefully, realistic solutions. Its relevance extends to all developing countries where progress in children's rights leaves much to be desired even after a decade of the adoption of the CRC by the international community. The book is a must for researchers, policy makers and practitioners in the field.

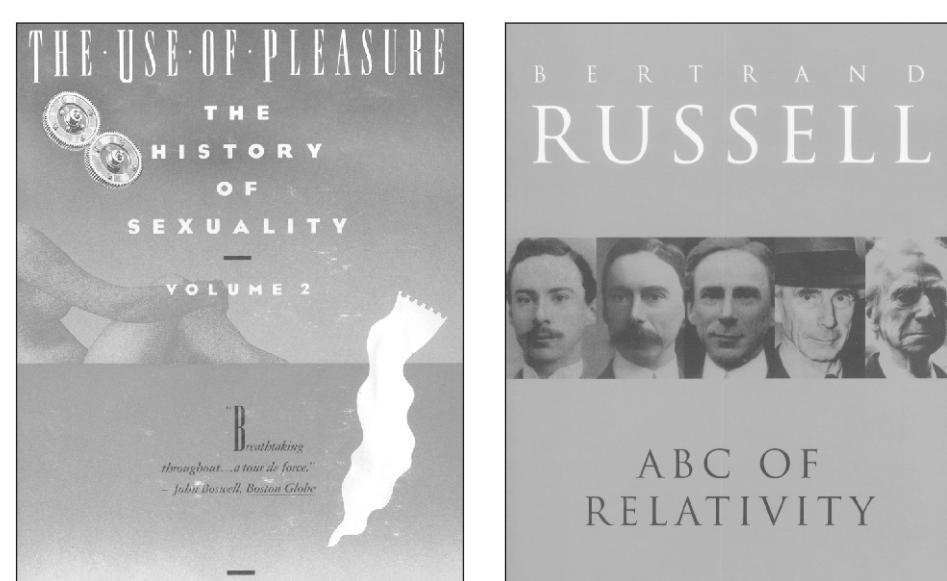
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*Isadora**A Sensational Life*

Peter Kurth

Price: Tk. 2700.00

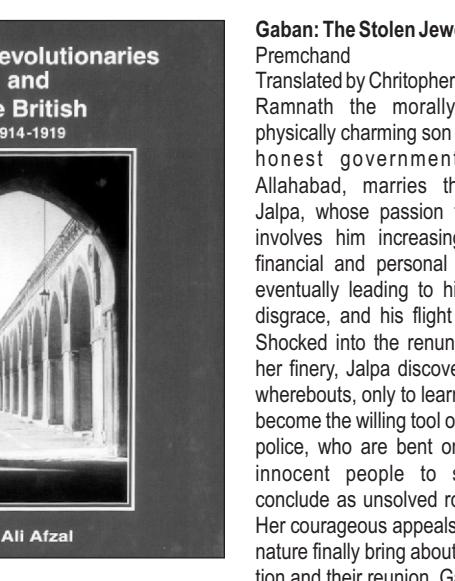
Isadora Duncan, the greatest pioneer of modern dance, "arrived like a glorious bounding Minerva in the midst of a cautious corseted decade," said Janet Flanner in *The New Yorker* (1927), delivering an "electric shock" to Western culture. Always dazzling, always fabulous, Isadora was the personification of flair, and she was anything but ordinary. Her scandalous behaviour, protofeminism, global celebrity, revolutionary politics, and artistic ground breaking all feel quite modern, yet her public life was played out between the Mauve Decade and the Roaring Twenties. Never before has Isadora Duncan's life been so engagingly explored. Acclaimed biographer Peter Kurth recounts this sensational life filled with lavish love affairs, artistic zeal, marvellous performances, and personal tragedies.

*The Use of Pleasure, The History of Sexuality*

Michel Foucault

Set of three volumes, Price: Tk. 2750.00

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*Muslim Revolutionaries and the British 1914-1919*

K. Ali 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 1919. The earliest political movement for the liberation of the Indo-Pakistani 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 extinguish the Muslim revolutionaries. Several military expeditions were sent to destroy the rebel camps of the revolutionaries who had established settlements in the 'No Man's Land' between the British India's North-West Frontier. But these expeditions failed to crush the movement.

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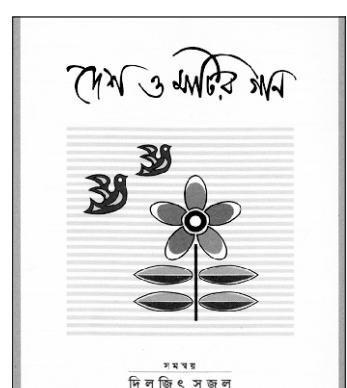
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CDs, VCDs & DVDs

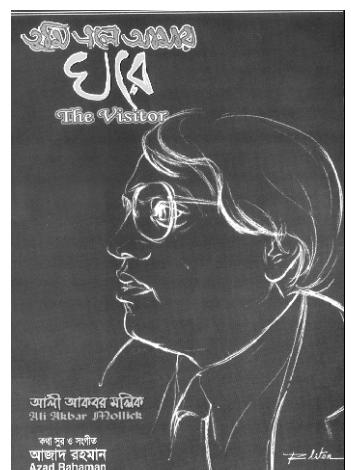
*Mahanayak Uttam Kumar Collection*

Vol. 9 featuring Tasher Ghar (DVD), Price: Tk. 200.00

*Desh O Matir Gaan Patriotic Songs*

Price: Tk. 100.00

All the songs on this album are reproduced keeping the original features of their first recording by Bangladesh Betar. Dedicated to all the Language Movement activists and freedom fighters, the songs include *Ek sagor rokter binimoye*, *Janmo amar dhonnoyo bole*, *Salam hajar salam*, *Ektara tui desher kotha*, *Ma-go bhabna keno*, *Mora ekti phulke bhabbo boley* and more. Young Diljit Sajal coordinates the performances of young artists Manasi Sadhu, Nasima Shaheen, Abdullah Mamun, Monalisa, Muntasir.

*Classics Together*

Classical Music (DVD) by Chhota

Gandharva, Shauna Abhisheki, Kaivalya Kumar, Gangubai Hangal & Jayashree Patanekar

Price: Tk. 450.00

Source: Gaan-e-Dali, Yakub Super Market 2/B Elephant Road Dhaka (Ph: 9671520)

Classic Films

*Y Tu Mamá También* (2001)

Directed by Alfonso Cuarón

Cast: Ana López Mercado, Diego Luna, Gael García Bernal, Nathan Grinberg, Verónica Langer, María Aurora

Abandoned by their girlfriends for the summer, teenagers Tenoch and Julio meet the older Luisa in a wedding. Trying to be impressive, the friends tell Luisa they are headed on a road trip to a beautiful, secret beach called Boca del Cielo. Intrigued with their story and desperate to escape, Luisa asks if she can join them on their trip. Soon the three are headed out of Mexico City, making their way toward the fictional destination. Along the way, seduction, argument and the contrast of the trio against the harsh realities of the surrounding poverty ensue.

*Two Brothers* (2004)

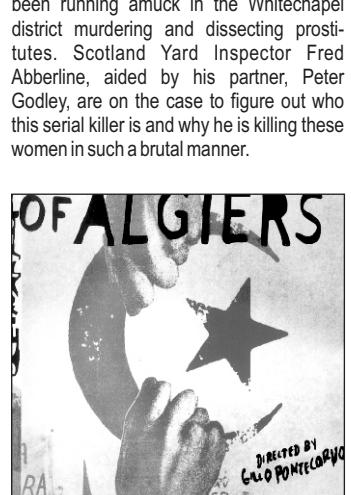
Directed by Jean-Jacques Annaud

Cast: Guy Pearce, Jean-Claude Dreyfus, Freddie Highmore, Philippe Leroy-Beaurelieu

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 bold brother is sold off to a circus, where homesickness and living in a cage rob him of his spirit.

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*Of Algiers*

Directed by Gillo Pontecorvo

Cast: Brahim Haggiag, Jean Martin, Yacine Saadi, Ugo Paletti, Fusia El Kader

A film commissioned by the Algerian government that shows the Algerian revolution from both sides. The French foreign legion has left Vietnam in defeat and has something to prove. The Algerians are seeking independence. The two clash. The torture used by the French is contrasted with the Algerian's use of bombs in soda shops. A look at war as a nasty thing that harms and sullies everyone who participates in it.