

PICK OF THE WEEK



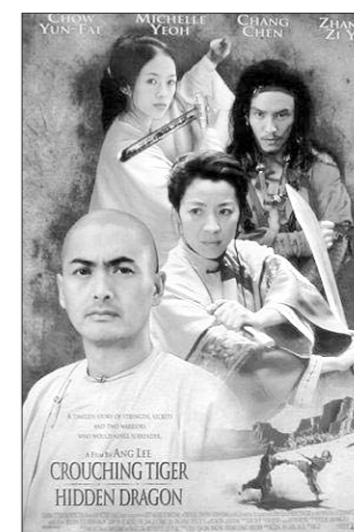
Our Choice

Sleepy Hollow (IMDb rating 7.4) On HBO, July 18 at 11:45pm Directed by Tim Burton Genre: Horror/Mystery/Thriller Johnny Depp, Christina Ricci, Miranda Richardson, Michael Gambon 1799: Ichabod Crane is a constable from New York who is most concerned with all the new scientific gadgets that will allow him to do his job better. However, he is quite squeamish about his latest assignment: travelling to the town of Sleepy Hollow, where there have been a series of murders involving people whose heads have been cut off.



The Sport

Australia Tour of England NPower Test Series 1st Test Begins Live from London, England On ESPN, July 21 at 03:27pm



The Movie

Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon (IMDb rating 8.2) On AXN, July 19 at 10:30pm Directed by Ang Lee Genre: Adventure/Action/Fantasy/Romance Chow Yun-Fat, Michelle Yeoh, Zhang Ziyi The disappearance of a magical jade sword spurs a breathtaking quest for the missing treasure. Li is embittered by the loss of his jade sword, and his unrequited pursuit of Yu is further complicated by the mysterious intrusion of an assassin. The identity of the assassin is gradually unveiled as another poignant tale of love begins to unravel with that of Li and Yu against the backdrop of Western China's magnificent landscape.

Satellite TV



White Oleander (IMDb rating 6.9) On HBO, July 16 at 09:30pm Directed by Peter Kosminsky. Genre: Drama Alison Lohman, Michelle Pfeiffer, Robin Wright Penn, Renée Zellweger Astrid Magnusen is a 15 year old girl, living in California. Her mother, Ingrid, is a beautiful, free-spirited poet. Her life, though unusual, is satisfying until one day, a man named Barry Kolker comes into their lives, and Ingrid falls madly in love with him, only to have her heart broken, and her life ruined. For revenge, Ingrid murders Barry with the deadly poison of her favourite flower: the White Oleander.

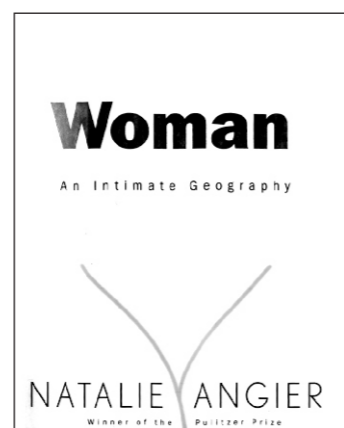


Die Hard 2 (IMDb rating 6.7) On Star Movies, July 20 at 07:00pm Directed by Renny Harlin Genre: Action/Thriller/Adventure Bruce Willis, Bonnie Bedelia, William Atherton, William Sadler, Reginald VelJohnson Once again, New York cop John McClane is in the wrong place at the wrong time—this time he's waiting for his wife's plane to arrive at Washington's Dulles Airport when he uncovers a plot to sabotage the airport's landing system.

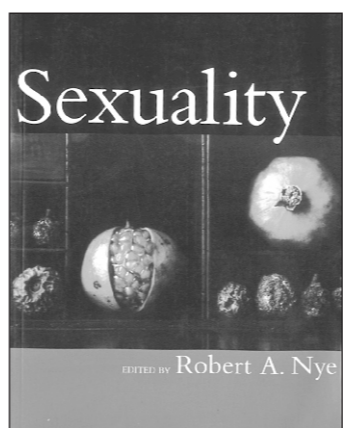


The Haunted Mansion (IMDb rating 5.0) On Star Movies, July 21 at 08:45pm Directed by Rob Minkoff Genre: Comedy/Horror/Family/Fantasy Eddie Murphy, Terence Stamp On the day of their anniversary, workaholic and real estate agent Jim Evers and his wife Sarah receive a strange phone call from a man called Ramsley. He requests that Sarah come to the mysterious Gracey Manor. Jim decides to turn it into an opportunity to check out a possible gold-mine in real estate, but to please Sarah, he claims it is a "family trip", bringing the kids along.

Books



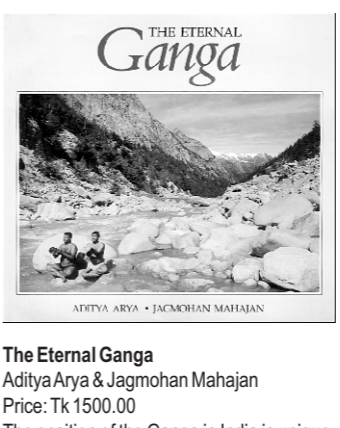
Woman An Intimate Geography Natalie Angier, Price: Tk 1350.00 With the clarity, insight, and sheer exuberance of language that make her one of the New York Times's premier stylists, Pulitzer Prize-winner Natalie Angier lifts the veil of secrecy from that most enigmatic of evolutionary masterpieces, the female body, exploring the essence of what it means to be a woman.



Sexuality Edited by Robert A Nye Price: Tk 1700.00 Much has been written on sex and sexuality since the supposed sexual revolution of the 1960s and 1970s, but little that does as intelligent a job as this volume in clarifying the central issues involved in understanding sex in its historical dimensions and in its contemporary permutations.

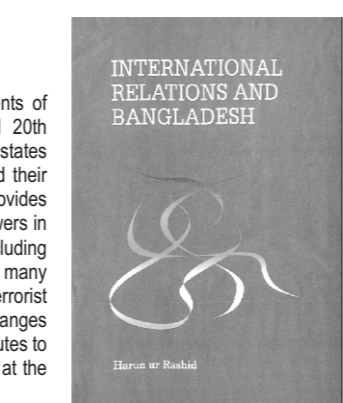


Of Cricket, Guinness and Gandhi Essays on Indian History and Culture Vinay Lal, Price: Tk 945.00 The eight essays in the book offer a 'dissenting, futuristic, and hermetic' perspective on Indian civilization and various aspects of the modern cultural history of India. Feminism, sub-altern studies, postcolonial theory and cultural studies have helped to pose new and important questions about our knowledge of India.

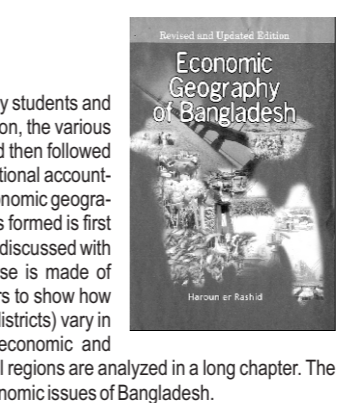


The Eternal Ganga Aditya Arya & Jagmohan Mahajan Price: Tk 1500.00 The position of the Ganga in India is unique. No other river in the world is so closely identified with a country as the Ganga is with India. Its very name evokes the panorama of Indian history—the rise and fall of great empires as well as cultural and religious movements, and the gradual growth of a number of very important cities and pilgrimage centres on its banks.

International Relations and Bangladesh Harun ur Rashid Price: Tk 550.00 The book traces the evolution of major events of international relations during the 19th and 20th centuries and the emergence of independent states in Asia and Africa in post-colonial period and their impact on inter-state relations. The book provides insights into rivalry and power play of big powers in influencing global and regional events including some of the on-going intractable conflicts in many parts of the world. The September 11, 2001 terrorist attack in the US has brought about dramatic changes in international relations and this book contributes to an understanding of a post-September world at the start of the present century.



Economic Geography of Bangladesh Harun ur Rashid Price: Tk 550.00 This book is meant to be both a text for university students and a reference for professionals. As in the first edition, the various aspects of the geography are first explained and then followed by an exposition of the economy through the national accounting system. This is an innovation in teaching economic geography. The manner in which the national product is formed is first explained and then the fifteen major sectors are discussed with the aid of many tables and maps. Copious use is made of published statistics on various economic sectors to show how and why the various statistical regions (former districts) vary in their economic development. The essential economic and geographical features of all the twenty statistical regions are analyzed in a long chapter. The final chapter sums up the outstanding socio-economic issues of Bangladesh.



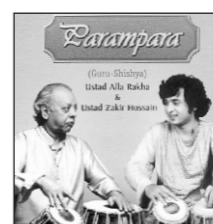
Phantoms of Chittagong The "Fifth Army" in Bangladesh Major General (ret'd) SS Uban Translated by Hossain Ridwan Ali Khan Price: Tk 125.00 An important document on the Liberation War of Bangladesh, the book focuses on the entire series of events leading to the historic war—from the background of revolution and political vendetta, to formation of Mukti Bahini, association of the Special Frontier Force, the Operation Eagle to Pakistan's unconditional surrender. Maj Gen Uban also reminisces his meeting with Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and his deep shock at the assassination of him.

Sonali Eagle O Udbastu Somoy Haroon Habib, Price: Tk 250.00 Based on the Liberation War of Bangladesh, the novel is a reminiscence of love and revolution of thousands of people in the eyes of many eyewitnesses, which certainly opens up the mind's window towards the greater cause of liberating the nation from tyranny and oppression. The novel is autobiographic in nature whose base is "untainted history". Many historic documents, names of places and people emerge in the pages of the novel, thanks to the author's presence in the battlefield, meeting with Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and his deep shock at the assassination of him.

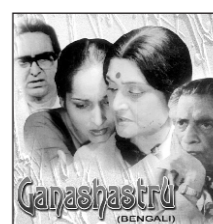
Ei Shomoy Muhammad Jahangir Price: Tk 130.00 The book contains the author's columns published in different dailies in 2003 and 2004. The articles present a vivid picture of the time. The first essay of the book titled Notun Dharar Rajneeti was written far back in 1995 but provides thoughts on the new trends of politics or the "Third Force", which in recent times has been the subject of much debate. Published by Ananya



DVDs, CDs



Parampara Tabla recital by Ustad Alla Rakha & Ustad Zakir Hussain, Price: Tk 480.00

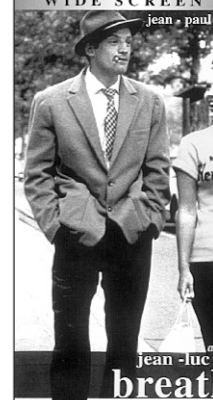


Ganashastru Film by Satyajit Ray Price: Tk 500.00 (DVD)



Surer Kheya Rabindra Sangeet by Rozwana Chowdhury Bannya, Price: Tk 300.00

Classic Films

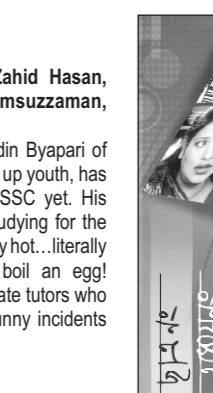


Breathless (1960) Directed by Jean-Luc Godard Cast: Jean-Paul Belmondo, Jean Seberg, Daniel Boulanger, Jean-Pierre Melville Price: Tk 120.00 Michel is a young thug who romantically models himself on Humphrey Bogart. While driving a stolen car, Michel shoots a policeman who follows him onto a country 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...



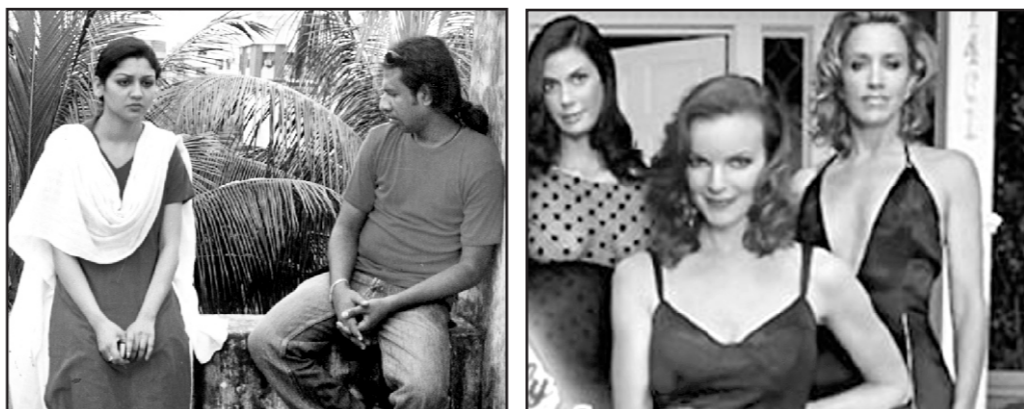
Ray (2004) Directed by Taylor Hackford Cast: Jamie Foxx, Kerry Washington, Regina King, Aunjanue Ellis Price: Tk 120.00 The true life story of legendary blues singer Ray Charles, from his humble beginnings in Georgia where he lost his eyesight in early childhood, to his pre-fame life touring the South, to his rising career during the 1950s and 1960s, and his problems with racism, drug abuse, failed relationships and his ideas to change the pace music by combining soul and gospel music, on to his career as one of the most enduring, imitable performers in modern music.

Chhatranang Adhyanang Play by Gazi Rakayet Cast: Subarna Mustafa, Zahid Hasan, Azizul Hakim, ATM Shamsuzzaman, Najma Anwar Kudrat, only son of Lehajuddin Byapari of Old Dhaka, although a grown up youth, has not been able to pass the SSC yet. His problem is peculiar: while studying for the exams, his head becomes very hot...literally so hot that the heat can boil an egg! Lehajuddin engages two private tutors who are also no less peculiar. Funny incidents ensue after their arrival.



TV GUIDE

PICK OF THE DAY



69 On Channel i at 9:35pm Drama Serial Cast: Jaya Ahsan, Elora Gahar, Shahiduzzaman Selim

Table with TV program listings for STAR GOLD, STAR WORLD, STAR PLUS, and NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC.

Table with TV program listings for DISCOVERY CHANNEL, ANIMAL PLANET, and ESPN.

Table with TV program listings for BTU, CHANNEL-i, ATN BANGLA, and ntv.