

PICK OF THE WEEK



Our Choice

Conspiracy Theory (IMDb rating 6.4)
On HBO, October 19 at 11:45pm
Directed by Richard Donner
Genre: Mystery/Romance/Thriller/Drama
Mel Gibson, Julia Roberts, Patrick Stewart, Cyk Cozart, Steve Kahan
Jerry Fletcher is a man in love with a woman he observes from afar. She works for the government. Fletcher is an outspoken critic of that government. He has conspiracy theories for everything, from aliens to political assassinations. But soon, one of his theories finds itself to be accurate. But which one? Some dangerous people want him dead and the only person he trusts is that woman he loves but does not know.



The Sport

UEFA Champions League 2005/06
Group Phase 1, Matchday 3
Live on ESPN
October 18 at 12:30am
Manchester United Vs Lille
October 19 at 12:30am
Chelsea Vs Real Betis
Live on Star Sports
October 18 at 12:30am
Sparta Vs Arsenal
October 19 at 12:30am
Anderlecht Vs Liverpool



The Movie

Sneakers (IMDb rating 7.1)
On Star Movies, October 18 at 08:45pm
Directed by Phil Alden Robinson
Genre: Action/Crime/Drama/Mystery/Thriller
Robert Redford, Dan Aykroyd, Ben Kingsley, Mary McDonnell, River Phoenix, Sidney Poitier, David Strathairn
Martin Bishop is the head of a group of experts who specialise in testing security systems. When he is blackmailed by government agents into stealing a top secret black box, the team find themselves embroiled in a game of danger and intrigue.

Satellite TV

SWAT (IMDb rating 5.9)
On HBO, October 15 at 09:30pm
Directed by Clark Johnson
Genre: Action/Thriller/Crime
Samuel L Jackson, Colin Farrell, Michelle Rodriguez, LL Cool J
When two cops, James "Jim" Street and Brian Gamble of Special Weapons and Tactical division of the Los Angeles Police Department foil a bank robbery holdup by shooting a female hostage, the two are kicked out of SWAT, stashing them into the "gun cage". Six months later, Street's ex-friend Gamble is gone, and so is his future until one day veteran Sergeant Daniel "Hondo" Harrelson arrives to give Street a second chance at redemption by putting him back on SWAT. Now Hondo, Street, and the new SWAT team, including Deacon "Deke" Kaye, and female cop Christina "Chris" Sanchez, has the biggest mission: escorting Alex Montel, an international fugitive and serial killer to a federal prison in the California desert.



Mission: Impossible (IMDb rating 6.6)
On HBO, October 20 at 09:30pm
Directed by Brian De Palma
Genre: Action/Adventure/Thriller/Mystery
Tom Cruise, Jon Voight, Emmanuelle Béart, Jean Reno, Ving Rhames, Kristin Scott Thomas, Vanessa Redgrave
Jim Phelps's team is charged with stopping a traitor from stealing and selling classified material. Everything was going well until the man they are following and all of the team are inexplicably killed except for Ethan Hunt. Ethan discovers that the whole mission was to ferret a mole that they have been suspicious of for some time.

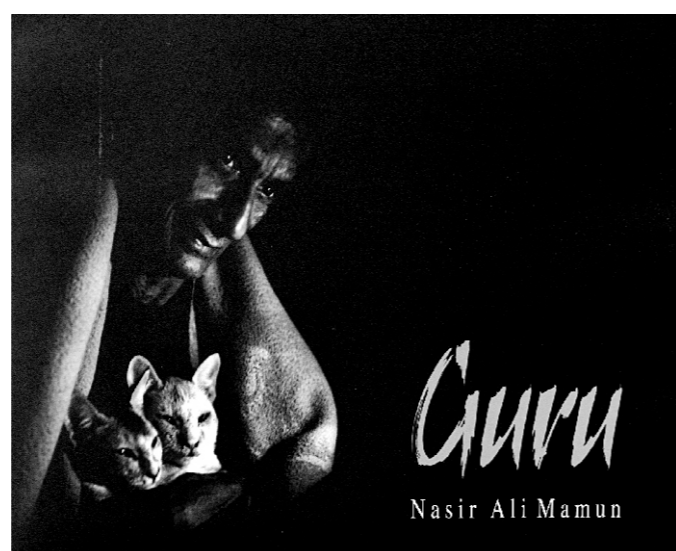


Heart of the Storm (IMDb rating 6.6)
On Star Movies, October 19 at 08:35pm
Directed by Charles Wilkinson
Genre: Drama/Thriller
Melissa Gilbert, Thomas Cavanagh, Brian Wimmer, Azure Dawn, CICI Hedgpeth
On the eve of a hurricane threatening New Orleans a dangerous convict escapes from prison with two accomplices. When the high winds and flooding disrupt their escape plan they're forced to take shelter in the remote bayou home of Cassie and her two daughters. Unable to count on estranged husband Wayne the women must use their wits to stay alive.



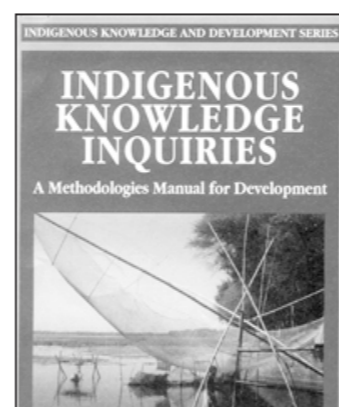
A Life Less Ordinary (IMDb rating 6.4)
On Star Movies, October 15 at 11:15pm
Directed by Danny Boyle
Genre: Drama/Romance/Comedy/Crime/Fantasy
Ewan McGregor, Cameron Diaz, Holly Hunter, Delroy Lindo
Ewan McGregor stars as a cleaning man in LA who takes his boss' daughter hostage after being fired and replaced by a robot. Two "angels" who are in charge of human relationships on earth, offer some unsolicited help to bring this unlikely couple together. The "angels" are so successful that the daughter soon turns on her father in order to save her captor.

Books



Guru

Nasir Ali Mamun
Price: Tk 1000.00
Photojournalist Nasir Ali Mamun spent ten years in pursuit of fugitive artist SM Sultan and recorded in his frame the pathos and struggle of the artist, as he went about recreating on giant canvases the essence of the human spirit. Sultan is an artist of and for the rural working classes and Mamun's photographs capture his proximity to the common people. Sultan speaks for the people who toiled through ages for the advancement of human civilisation, says Mamun. When Mamun started his assignment of documenting the controversial artist's life with a camera, he had no hope that his works one day would be on display as a tribute to the artist.
These photographs reveal many hidden and obscure faces of Sultan's life. The artist is a recluse in love with unadulterated nature. He cares for animals, birds and plants, subjects which often jumps into his canvases. Mamun tried to capture the inner spirit of Sultan's who adroitly shunned publicity and lived hermetically near his native village in Narail in southwestern Bangladesh.
SM Sultan is a great artist and Mamun's photographs hold a mirror up to the magnitude of that greatness.



Indigenous Knowledge Inquiries
A Methodologies Manual for Development
Paul Sillitoe, Peter Dixon and Julian Barr
Price: Tk 600.00



Slip Trip Tumble
Determining Landlessness in Rural Bangladesh
Nasreen Ahmad
Price: Tk 400.00
Source: University Press Limited, Ph: 9665441, 9665444, E-mail: upl@bangla.net

Napoleon
The Immortality of St Helena
Max Gallo
Price: Tk 1010.00
It is 24 June 1812 when Napoleon crosses the river Niemen and enters Russia at the head of the largest army the world has seen. Backed by 500,000 soldiers, and with virtually all of continental Europe under his command, he hopes to bring the Tsar of Russia, Alexander I, to his knees. But nothing goes according to plan. An ocean of fire destroys Moscow. A chaos of ice and snow engulfs the Grand Army. For the first time, the Eagle bows its head. In this hugely entertaining mix of history and creativity, Max Gallo brilliantly re-creates the French Emperor's fall from power and the final years of his life. We follow as conquered Europe awakes and takes its revenge. Does Napoleon's return from the isle of Elba herald a new 'song of departure'?



The Art of the Infinite
The Pleasures of Mathematics
Robert & Ellen Kaplan
Price: Tk 1950.00
In this delightful new book, Robert Kaplan, writing together with his wife Ellen Kaplan, once again takes us on a witty, literate, and accessible tour of the world of mathematics. Where *The Nothing That Is* looked at math through the lens of zero, *The Art of the Infinite* takes infinity, in its countless guises, as a touch stone for understanding mathematical thinking. Tracing a path from Pythagoras, whose great Theorem led inexorably to a discovery that his followers tried in vain to keep secret (the existence of irrational numbers); through Descartes and Leibniz; to the brilliant, haunted Georg Cantor, who proved that infinity can come in different sizes, the Kaplans show how the attempt to grasp the ungraspable embodies the essence of mathematics.
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The Politics of the Governed
Reflections on Popular Politics in Most of the World
Partha Chatterjee
Price: Tk 890.00
Often dismissed as "rumblings of the street", popular politics is where political modernity is being formed today, argues Partha Chatterjee. The rise of mass politics across the world has led to the development of new techniques of governing population groups. On the one hand, the idea of popular sovereignty has gained wide acceptance. On the other, the proliferation of security and welfare technologies has created modern governmental bodies that administer populations but do not provide citizens with an arena for democratic deliberation. Under these conditions, democracy is no longer government of, by, and for the people. Rather, it has become a world of power whose startling dimensions and unwritten rules of engagement Chatterjee provocatively lays bare.
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Women in Colonial India
Essays on Politics, Medicine, and Historiography
Geraldine Forbes
Price: Tk 990.00
The lives of Indian women began to change significantly in the late nineteenth century when the colonial government, critical of the treatment of both Hindu and Muslim women, found allies among Indian reformers. Keen to reform their own society, these men agreed that women should be educated and play some role in public life. By the end of the nineteenth century, Indian women were attending schools and colleges, becoming teachers and doctors, writing works of fiction and essays about their condition, joining organisations to promote social reform, and participating in political meetings. They were referred to as "new women," and like the next generation who joined the freedom movement, they entered public spaces reserved for men.
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CDs, DVD

Such a Gorgeous Kid Like Me (1972)
Directed by François Truffaut
Cast: Bernadette Lafont, Claude Brasseur, Charles Denner, Guy Marchand, André Dussollier, Anne Kreis
Price: Tk 120.00



Stanislas Previgne is a young sociologist, preparing a thesis on criminal women. He meets in prison Camille Bliss to interview her. Camille is accused to have murdered her lover Arthur and her husband Clovis. She tells Stanislas her life and her love affairs...

Adaptation. (2002)
Directed by Spike Jonze
Cast: Nicolas Cage, Meryl Streep, Chris Cooper, Cara Seymour, Tilda Swinton
Price: Tk 120.00



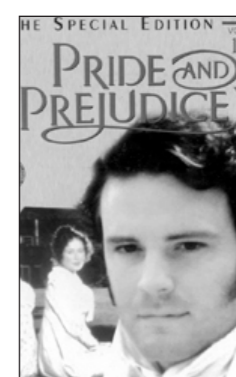
Frequently cynical screenwriter Charlie Kaufman has just taken on a new assignment. That is, to adapt writer Susan Orlean's "The Orchid Thief" into a screenplay, all of it based on the life of the eccentric John Laroche, an exotic plant collector based out of Florida. While his easygoing twin brother Donald, is writing scripts with ease, Charlie finds himself on a perpetual struggle that never seems to end.

Ladies in Lavender (2004)
Directed by Charles Dance
Cast: Judi Dench, Maggie Smith, Natascha McElhone, Daniel Brühl, Miriam Margolyes
Price: Tk 120.00



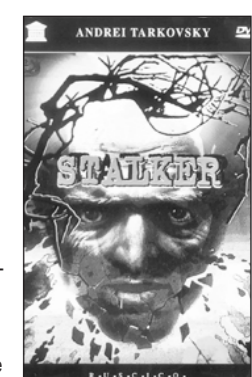
Two aging spinster sisters have their peaceable Cornwall existence disrupted in 1936 when they take a young Polish violinist into their care. After a particularly violent storm, Ursula and Janet Widington awake to find young man Andrea half-drowned and badly injured on the beach. They slowly discover that he is Polish with a gift for music as an accomplished violinist, hoping to find his way to America.

Pride and Prejudice (1995)
Directed by Simon Langton
Cast: Colin Firth, Jennifer Ehle, David Bamber, Crispin Bonham-Carter, Anna Chancellor, Susannah Harker
2 Volumes Price: Tk 350.00



Jane Austen's classic novel about the prejudice that occurred between the 19th century classes and the pride which would keep lovers apart. In this lavish adaptation of Jane Austen's classical romance, Elizabeth Bennett is a strong-willed yet sensible young woman in a well-off but lower class family with five sisters, a long-suffering but loving father and a mother anxious to marry them to wealthy young gentlemen.

Stalker (1979)
Directed by Andrei Tarkovsky
Cast: Aleksandr Kajdanovsky, Alisa Frejndlikh, Anatoli Solonitsyn, Natasha Abramova
Price: Tk 250.00 (2-DVD Pack)



Near a gray and unnamed city is The Zone, an alien place guarded by barbed wire and soldiers. Over his wife's strenuous objections, a man rises in the dead of night: he's a stalker, one of a handful who have the mental gifts (and who risk imprisonment) to lead people into The Zone to The Room, a place where one's secret hopes come true.
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