



Folk Medicine And Rural Women In Bangladesh, Mahmuda Islam. Women For Women Research And Study Group, Dhaka, 1980.

A study conducted in the two villages of Tangail, investigating the effect on village women of indigenous medical treatment, which, though it has a long tradition, is currently ignored by medical practitioners.

Situation Of Women In Bangladesh, edited by Women For Women Research And Study Group, Dhaka, 1979.

Examines women's situation from demographic, social, economic, legal angles. Has chapters on health, nutrition, education, rural and urban work situation, social norms and institutions, prostitution. Describes the work of women's organizations and national policies affecting women. Makes suggestions and attempts to outline crucial issues. The book is based partly on available literature and partly on statistical information.

Needless Hunger—Voices From A Bangladesh Village, Betsy Hartmann and James Boyce. Institute For Food And Development Policy, 1979. \$3.

Why is a country with some of the world's most fertile land also the home of some of the world's hungriest people? This booklet looks at Bangladesh's history and its relationship with "advanced" countries, to shed some light

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on this paradox. Based on a study of people's struggles in one village, it adds to the authors' general analysis that starvation in many third world countries is not due to absolute scarcity but to political and economic brutality.

Seven Contemporary Chinese Women Writers, Panda Books, Beijing, 1982.

A selection of stories and reportage by seven contemporary Chinese women writers with a wide spectrum of experience. They present a cross section of life in China, and project the quality of life there.

Health Care-Which Way To Go ? edited Abhay Bang and Ashwin Patel. Medico Friend Circle. Rs 10.

A product of collective commitment to health issues, the book raises important issues like : why is there a lack of political will to solve pressing health problems of the country? How detrimental is the alliance between medical professionals and the drug industry to people's health? Examines the genesis of problems like malnutrition among women, lathyrism, water borne diseases. Analyses the structural exploitation inherent in drug industry, drug prescription and also the political dimension of health services. Describes the oppression of health workers, nurses, midwives. Suggests directions for work in health care, for instance a synthesis between ayurveda and western systems of medicine.

The Obstacle Race, Germaine Greer. Pan Books, 1981.

A history of the work of women painters in the west. Tries to find out why there have been so few women artists as compared to men.

Seeks to show that the reasons not

merely a lack of opportunities but the ego damage, the energy diverted into neuroticism that women suffer as a result of their oppressed situation. Profusely illlustrated with work of women paint presents brief biographies of ms well known and unknown artists.

Shakespeare's Sisters-Feminist Essays On Women Poets. Indian University Press, London. 19 essays on English and American poets from the 17th to the 20th centuries. Includes women who wrote on mystical subjects, black poets, and analyses the work of better known poets such as Rossetti, Dickinson, Barrett Browning. Also analyses literary criticism to show how it has tended to trivialize the work of such poets, treating them as ancillary to the main poetical tradition.

Education And Income Generation For Women, Jessie Tellis Nayak Indian Social Institute, 1982. Rs 20

Highlights the need for education and the ability of women to earn in cash and kind. Is concerned with non formal education and income generation programmes. The author suggests different strategies for working with women in rural areas.

Women And Girls In India, Nagmani Rao and Jessie Tellis Nayak. Indian Social Institute. Delhi Rs 5. In Hindi.

A simple account of women's history since Vedic times, the temporary situation and main problems. Raises questions for discussion. Brief biographies of women who have assumed leadership roles in different communities. Includes songs, poems, cartoons and pictures linked to various aspects of women's lives. Intended as a handbook for discussion on issues with groups, of women.