



## Zen Under Fire by Marianne Elliott Penguin, \$34.99

Marianne Elliott is a human rights lawyer who spent time in Afghanistan working with the United Nations supporting women and children caught up in the minefield of politics and religion that is their reality.

This outstanding story reveals the day-to-day minutiae and stress of living and working under the restraints and auspices of the UN, the personal and the public.

Elliott presents strength of character in the face of events most of us would balk at. On her very first day in a new job a local tribal leader is assassinated. Her office chief is out of town and it is left to Marianne, a western woman, to try to quell further unrest and potentially more deaths.

The fact that she did and she was able to establish a working relationship with the rival tribal leaders is a testament to her tenacity and personality. A fantastic and easy-to-read account of a reality most of us have no experience of.

— Elisabeth Marrow

