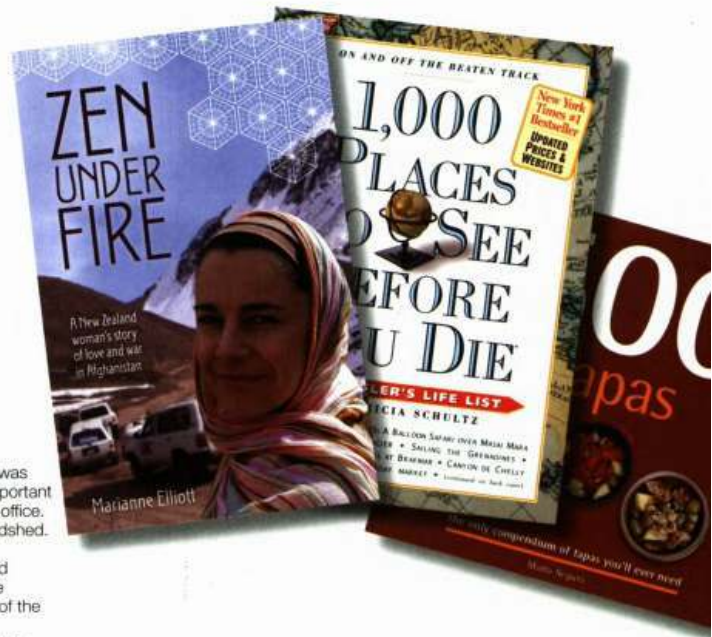




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Here's a quick look at some of our top picks for reads this month:



Zen Under Fire
Marianne Elliott
Penguin Group NZ, \$34.99

In 2006 Marianne Elliott, a human rights lawyer from New Zealand, was stationed with the UN in Herat. Several months into her new role an important tribal leader was assassinated while she was in charge of the local UN office. She must try to defuse the situation before it leads to widespread bloodshed. And this is just the beginning of her story in Afghanistan.

Zen Under Fire is a vivid account of Marianne's experience living and working in the world's most notorious battlefield. As well as sharing the incredible details of her UN role, Marianne tells the very personal story of the shattering effect that the high-stress environment had on her and her relationships, and asks what it really means to do good in a country that is under siege from within.

This is an honest, moving and at times terrifying true story of a woman's time peacekeeping in one of the most dangerous places on earth.

1,000 Places to See Before You Die
Patricia Schultz
Workman Publishing

The world's bestselling travel book is back in a more informative, more experiential, more budget-friendly full-color edition. A #1 New York Times bestseller, *1,000 Places* reinvented the idea of the travel book as both wish list and practical guide. There are 600 full-color photographs, and over 200 entirely new entries, including visits to 28 countries like Lebanon, Croatia, Estonia, and Nicaragua, which were not in the original edition. There is an emphasis on experiences: an entry covers not just Positano or Ravello, but the full 30-mile stretch along the Amalfi Coast.

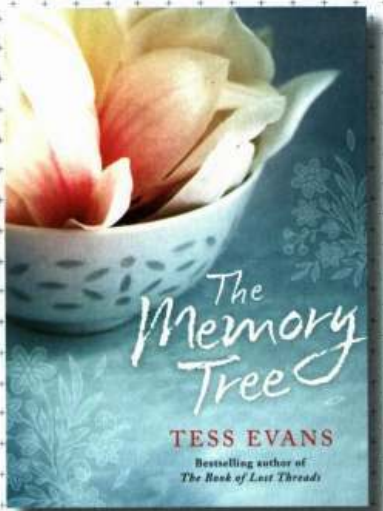
500 Tapas
Christine Watson
New Holland Publishers, \$24.99

Tapas are an integral part of the Spanish lifestyle. In the sun drenched streets of Spain, the lively tapas bar hung with smoked serrano hams provides a focal point for every community. Twice daily, Spaniards from the most remote of mountain villages, to the thriving cosmopolitan cities of Madrid and Barcelona head for their favourite bar for a chilled sherry or a glass of white wine, conversation, and, of course, tapas.

This comprehensive compendium of tapas dishes enables you to bring a taste of Spanish culture into your life with hundreds of recipes to choose from for any occasion. Neither difficult nor time-consuming to make, tapas can be served as a starter, quick snack, side order, or as a complete and exotic meal. Choose from scallops with morcilla and sage, boqueronies, patatas bravas, and panettone with rhubarb, to name but a few.

OUR TOP PICK:

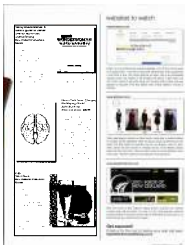
The best novel to read this month.



The Memory Tree
Tess Evans
Allen and Unwin, \$35

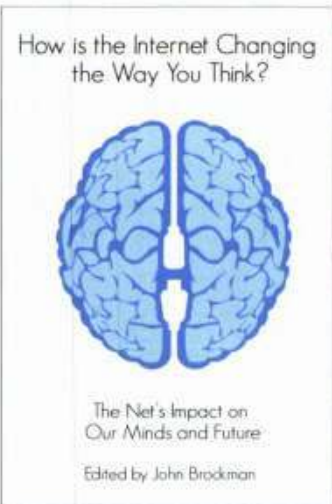
When Paulina dies mid-dance, she leaves 12-year-old Zav and seven-year-old Sealie with their loving but unstable father, Hal. The grieving family decides to plant a tree in her memory - a magnolia which, growing along with the children, offers a special place where secrets are whispered and feelings can be confessed. Written with humour and compassion *The Memory Tree* is a poignant and compelling story of love, loyalty, grief and forgiveness.





Simply Wonderwoman: A survival guide for women with too much to do
Joanna Gosling
New Holland Publishers, \$49.99

Simply Wonderwoman is about helping you have the life you want, not the crazy muddled one that's foisted on you once you have children, when suddenly order and time for yourself goes out the window. Two thirds of mothers are combining bringing up children with working, which means there are a lot of us out there skimming along, struggling to stay on top of the never-ending tide of tasks those two jobs throw at us. So this book is about passing on strategies, tips and ideas that really make a difference to your life – saving time, money and effort. It is laid out in bite-sized chunks, so that you can just pick out one thing to do each day. It's about doing things fast and smart – not just being perfect.



How is the Internet Changing the Way you Think?
John Brockman
Allen and Unwin, \$36.99

In *How is the Internet Changing the Way you Think?*, 154 of the world's leading intellectuals – scientists, artists and creative thinkers – explore exactly what it means to think in the new age of the Internet: from Nicholas Carr's reflections on what the Internet is doing to our brains to Richard Dawkins' sanguine assessment of its long-term potential for good; and from Clay Shirky's assessment of the impact of the Internet on the dissemination and sharing of knowledge to Ian and Joel Gold's observations on the seismic social changes it has brought about.

Jugs
Steve Quirk
New Holland Publishers, \$29.99

Whether you're having a party, barbecue or a big night in, plenty of refreshing drinks are always what's needed.

In this book you'll find 200 of the best party drinks for jugs or punch bowls. With recipes for fruit punches, champagne, whiskey, wine, rum, sangria, cider and hot temptations, there's a drink for every taste and season.

With easy-to-follow recipe instructions, *Jugs* takes the hard work out of your next party.

