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ABR December issue highlights



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Highlights of the December issue include:

- **Books of the Year** - thirty-four critics and authors including **Michelle de Kretser**, **Fiona Wright**, **Beejay Silcox**, **Gregory Day**, and **Gideon Haigh**, reveal their personal highlights.
- **Review of the Month** - [Glyn Davis](#) (ANU) reviews **David Marr's** new collection of speeches, essays and stories. [Read it here.](#)
- [Zora Simic](#) (University of New South Wales) reviews two new books on influential Australian feminists - a memoir from **Anne Summers** (also this month's Open Page guest) and a biography of **Germaine Greer** by **Elizabeth Kleinhenz**. [Read it here.](#)
- *ABR* was dismayed to learn of former Education Minister Simon Birmingham's veto of eleven Australian Research Council Grants as revealed recently during the Senate Estimates hearings. **Professor Joy Damousi** (President of the Australian Academy of the Humanities) comments on the controversy. [Read her article here.](#) The comment is accompanied by shorter statements from some of her senior colleagues around the country. [Read their statements here.](#)
- [Peter Goldsworthy](#) lauds the new poetry collection from **Les Murray**.
- [Judith Bishop](#) reviews **David Malouf's** new poetry collection. [Read it here.](#)
- [Andrea Goldsmith's](#) moving tribute to her late partner **Dorothy Porter**, ten years after Porter's death.
- Also in the issue: **Susan Sheridan** on **A.S. Patric's** new novel, **Francesca Sasnaitis** on **Marion May Campbell**, **James Bradley** on **Jock Serong**, **Paul Humphries** on science writing, **Billy Griffiths** on **Andrew C. Scott's** *Burning Planet*, **Philip Mead** on **Michael Hofmann**, an interview with poet **Kevin Brophy** and much more.