**ABR December issue highlights**

**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. Patrić’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.

**Further information**

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