# Secret Asset Wednesday 30 August

As the first female Director-General of the British Security Service (MI5), Dame Stella Rimington knows a lot about the secret world of spies, and it showed in her critically acclaimed spy thriller, At Risk (2004). Drawing upon her 29year career in counterespionage, counter-terrorism and counter-subversion. Dame Stella has recently produced another actionpacked thriller, Secret Asset (2006). Join her in a discussion of the tense, fastpaced world of agent Liz Carlvle.













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## **Our Brief Lives** Wednesday 6 September

Chris Price won the NZSA Jessie Mackay Award for her first collection of poetry, Husk. She has been editor for Landfall and currently teaches creative writing at Victoria University. Her latest book, Brief Lives, is an eccentric, genre-crossing collection of biographical anecdotes and fictional vianettes. Price will be joined by writer Martin Edmond, winner of the Biography Category in the 2005 Montana New Zealand Book Awards.



The fall of the Berlin Wall revealed East Germany as a regime pathologically obsessed with knowing people's secrets. Australian Anna Funder won the **BBC Four Samuel Johnson Prize** for non-fiction in 2004 with her bestseller Stasiland. compelling narrative that explores the stories of ordinary people living under the chilling gaze of the ultimate Big Brother. Funder is touring New Zealand courtesy of the New Zealand Book Council's International Writers' Programme.







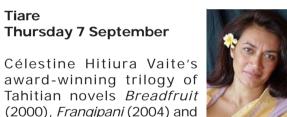


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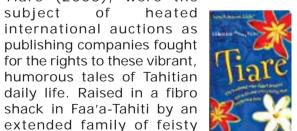
## The Planets **Thursday 31 August**

Dava Sobel has a reputation as one of the world's most engaging and lyrical science writers. Her international bestseller Longitude: the True Story of a Lone Genius Who Solved the Greatest Scientific Problem of His Time (1995) has been published in more than 20 countries, while *The Planets* (2006) has been called 'a love letter to the Solar System'. Science geeks and lovers of remarkable tales alike will enjoy meeting this award-winning writer.



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## The Book Thief **Tuesday 12 September**

Award-winning Australian writer, Markus Zusak, pays tribute to books and the power of words in his highly original novel *The* Book Thief, described by critics as 'sweeping', 'poetic', and 'beautifully crafted'.

Hear Zusak discuss his acclaimed book, in which Death is the narrator and a young girl steals books from Nazi book-burnings.







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We charge a booking fee of \$1.50 on all electronic transactions. Or send a cheque payable to New Zealand Book Council, Level 7, Navigate House, 69 Boulcott Street, Wellington. For more information phone 04 499 1569, fax 04 499 1424 or email events@bookcouncil.org.nz For online bookings visit www.bookcouncil.org.nz
Booking confirmed on payment only.

### Secret Asset, Dame Stella Rimington

Wednesday 30 August, 6.00pm-7.00pm National Library Auditorium, cnr Molesworth and Aitken Streets, Thorndon.

Chair: Kathryn Ryan Bookseller: Unity Books

Tickets: \$10 Book Council members

\$12 Students/unwaged \$15 Non-members

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#### The Planets, Dava Sobel

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Aitken Streets, Thorndon Chair: Richard Hall Bookseller: Unity Books

Tickets: \$10 Book Council members

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#### Our Brief Lives, Chris Price and Martin Edmond

Wednesday 6 September, 12.10pm-1.10pm

City Gallery Wellington, Civic Square

Chair: Bill Manhire Bookseller: Unity Books

Tickets: \$8 Book Council members

\$10 Students/unwaged

\$12 Non-members

#### Tiare, Célestine Hitiura Vaite

Thursday 7 September, 6.00pm-7.00pm City Gallery Wellington, Civic Square

Chair: Teresia Teaiwa Bookseller: Dymocks

Tickets: \$10 Book Council members

\$12 Students/unwaged

\$15 Non-members

#### Stasiland. Anna Funder

Monday 11 September, 6.00pm-7.00pm

National Library Auditorium, cnr Molesworth and

Aitken Streets, Thorndon Chair: Lynn Freeman Bookseller: Dymocks

Tickets: \$10 Book Council members

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## The Book Thief, Markus Zusak

Tuesday 12 September, 6.00pm-7.00pm

National Library Auditorium, cnr Molesworth and

Aitken Streets, Thorndon Chair: Bernard Beckett

Bookseller: Dymocks

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