

**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 29-year career in counter-espionage, counter-terrorism and counter-subversion, Dame Stella has recently produced another action-packed thriller, *Secret Asset* (2006). Join her in a discussion of the tense, fast-paced world of agent Liz Carlyle.



**The Planets**  
**Thursday 31 August**

Dava Sobel has a reputation as one of the world's most engaging and lyrical science writers. Her international best-seller *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.



**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 vignettes. Price will be joined by writer Martin Edmond, winner of the Biography Category in the 2005 Montana New Zealand Book Awards.



**Tiare**  
**Thursday 7 September**

Célestine Hitiura Vaite's award-winning trilogy of Tahitian novels *Breadfruit* (2000), *Frangipani* (2004) and *Tiare* (2006), were the subject of heated international auctions as publishing companies fought for the rights to these vibrant, humorous tales of Tahitian daily life. Raised in a fibro shack in Faa'a-Tahiti by an extended family of feisty women, Vaite has been compared to McCall Smith for her affectionate and accessible writing, which has been published in more than 10 countries.



**Stasiland**  
**Monday 11 September**

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*, a 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*.



**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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**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

**The Planets, Dava Sobel**

Thursday 31 August, 6.00pm-7.00pm  
National Library Auditorium, cnr Molesworth and 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  
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**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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