

# 100 best books of 2009



Arts & Books editor Guy Somerset and *Listener* reviewers take the pain out of finding a good read this summer, whether it's a Christmas gift or something to take to the beach.

**REAL ART ROADSHOW: THE BOOK (Craig Potton, \$80).** The Real Art Roadshow takes postwar New Zealand art to secondary schools around the country in a couple of articulated trucks and is, without doubt, a very good thing. Fiona Campbell, the philanthropist behind the venture, has just won the Supreme Award in the *National Business Review's* Sponsorship of the Arts Awards. This book originated as resource material for schools, but the Real Art Charitable Trust rightly thought the artworks and accompanying essays by leading critics deserved a wider audience. The art is given generous full-page display with the highest-possible production values, and the essays are accessible to all. Proceeds go to the trust.