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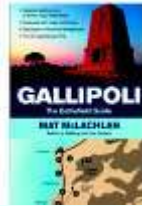
A LITTLE FLIGHT READING



The Gardener's Book of Days
Holly Kerr Forsyth
(Miegunyah Press, \$44.99)

FANS of *The Australian's* gardening editor will be delighted with her latest book. It's designed as an ongoing calendar for all passionate gardeners and contains heaps of practical data on when to plant, prune, deadhead and dig, as well as info on events and special estates and intriguing garden trivia. In late March, grab ingredients from your veg patch and make green tomato and chilli jam (recipe provided). Early June is the time to plant summer-flowering bulbs, including my favourite, the wonderfully scented tuberose (*Polinathes tuberosa*). By late July, the native sarsparilla (*Hardenbergia violacea*) "will be romping up and over fences . . . and any tree in its path" says Kerr Forsyth. The book is full of glistening photography and would make a much more lasting Mother's Day gift than that bunch of bought roses.

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Gallipoli: The Battlefield Guide
Mat McLachlan
(Hachette Australia, \$29.95)

MAT McLachlan's guide is a must for anyone making a pilgrimage to Australia's European theatres of war. The author packs a great deal of complex information into a manageable volume (388 pages) and he has a storytelling gift that ensures historic events come to life. McLachlan includes the expected lowdown on planning a trip but also useful details on military organisation, a soldier's life, the cemeteries, a precis of important historic literature and six chapters of battlefield tours. He ends with a timeline, a who's who and, most moving for me, a list of casualties. I was shocked to discover the staggering losses suffered by the Turks: 59,500 dead and 110,500 wounded. McLachlan writes, "Something fundamental changed when those boats first touched the shore." That something is as potent today as it was almost a century ago.

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