

## Required Reading

### Enchanting escapes



#### Bossypants

by Tina Fey  
(Reagan Arthur Books, \$29.99)

Tina Fey, the first female head writer at *Saturday Night Live*, the script-writer behind the movie *Mean Girls* and the creator/executive producer of the hit show *30 Rock*, has penned a comedic memoir chronicling her 'nerdy' youth, her once-relentless pursuit of superficial beauty and a full-throttle career interspersed with her signature witty observations. *Bossypants* is laugh-out-loud funny. Just put down your piña colada first to avoid a nasal spray of cocktail all over your beach towel – yes, it's *that* funny!

#### This Cake Is for the Party

by Sarah Selecky  
(Thomas Allen Publishers, \$22.95)

2010 Scotiabank Giller Prize finalist Sarah Selecky weaves a tight little collection of short stories that wryly observes the goings-on between young men and women whose plans are thwarted and whose hopes are betrayed. *This Cake* has layers of weighty issues, as well as hilarity and poignancy – possibly part of the reason why Selecky is being touted as the “next Alice Munro” by *Chatelaine*. Each story is its own self-contained morsel, perfect for when you have just enough time on the terrace or the beach to enjoy a bite or two.



#### Blood, Bones & Butter: The Inadvertent Education of a Reluctant Chef

by Gabrielle Hamilton  
(Random House, \$30.00)

This is no ordinary lost-soul-turned-chef-who-writes-a-book kind of memoir. It isn't even just for hard-core food lovers. It's for anyone who hungers for a captivating page-turner written by a chef who happens to have an MFA from the University of Michigan in writing fiction. Hamilton is as comfortable penning stories about evocative meals as she is describing the people and places that surround her. Funny, gut-wrenching, sweet and sour, this is one book that you'll find nearly impossible to put down once you start – like a piece of perfect lemon meringue pie.