

BELLA FREUD

My favourite and most long awaited read was Keith Richard's autobiography *Life* (Little, Brown, £20), co-written with my husband, James Fox. I have read it in many forms and it is still unputdownable – the truth is even better than the myth. Polly Samson's *Perfect Lives* (Virago, £15.99) is a collection of short stories that makes you invent excuses to retire to a private place for a quick injection of reading.