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From the street stalls to the villages, the beaches and rainforests, the reader is taken on an exploratory journey through the world-famous island paradise.

The author skilfully observes and captures personal moments and that of a diverse crowd, including locals, hippies, honeymooners, surfers, retirees and even an international banker!

With each turn of the page, ***timeless shoreline*** guides one a step deeper into the island's landscape, flora and fauna; sharing glimpses of the culture, religion, history and everyday lives of the Balinese people.

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Introduction

The tropical Indonesian province of Bali is one of the largest of the Lesser Sunda (Nusa Tenggara) Island group. Known for its breathtaking shorelines and mountainous escapes, exotic marine life, fauna and flora, rich cultural heritage, tantalising cuisine and warm hospitality, it is no wonder one of the most popular island holiday destinations in Asia.

Over the past 2 decades, I have been lucky enough to visit Bali with my family and stay long enough to experience many very special moments on the island. Whilst some aspects of Bali have changed over time, luckily most of the special things about the island just never change.

timeless shoreline takes the reader on a journey from some of the well-known tourist spots to a few of the less travelled parts of Bali. I hope you enjoy this collection of Bali haiku moments and perhaps take pen to paper and write a few of your own.

Selamat menikmati!



sunrise

the luxury of choosing from

a wardrobe of sarongs

garden trail
no such thing as too many
frangipani blossoms

oozing Zen
the arty sojourners
of Ubud

kissing earth
the old banyan tree
pushing its limits



complimentary fruit basket
smiles warm a new day
in paradise

soft grass broom
swishing away the day before's
canang sari

Trip Advisor

What's a tropical honeymoon
without frogs and lizards?

happy hour
out of place retirees
slamming tequilas

moonlit stall
the tiniest hands
deliver young coconuts

gado
a loaded plate
of hodgepodge
to die for
gado



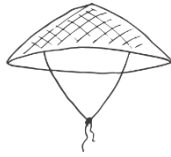
the soft easterly breeze
shifting holy petals
a mandala

old pond
the rustling
of saffron wings

tea leaf reading

a hopeful young couple

hand in hand



window seat
could it be Gunung Batur
wading through the mist?

teasing some insects
flowerpecker and sunbird
under the guava tree

Nyepi
soka tinted lips
. . . hushed



sea turtle
showing off its shell
to my flip flops

surreal
stepping from the fishing boat
into a postcard

rainy season
a deer mamma
umbrellaing her kids

sun-kissed delts
the man in front's footprints
become mine

relief or sadness?

leaving paradise

without finding Ketut



Words from the Text

banker's songbird refers to the endemic and critically endangered Bali or Rothschild's Myna

canang sari is a Balinese-Hindu offering to the gods

furry couple refers to Balinese long-tailed macaques

gado-gado is a steamed vegetable salad with peanut sauce

gamelan is an ensemble of mainly percussion instruments

gemitir is a local name for the marigold flower

gorgonia are soft fan-shaped corals

Gunung Batur is an active volcano in northeast Bali

Kecak is a Balinese-Hindu dance and music performance

Ketut refers to Rhonda's lover - a fictional character in the 2012 Australian AAMI TV commercial

Majapahit was a Javanese Hindu-Buddhist empire (1293-1500s)

Nyepi is the Balinese-Hindu Day of Silence

rain tree or Suar is a tree used for carving

saffron wings refer to the Indonesian Red-winged Dragonfly

Selamat menikmati! means Enjoy!

semut orang gajah meaning 'ant human elephant', is the local version of rock paper scissors

Soka or Ixora is a small red-orange flower used for offerings

worshippers of the stars and the wind refer to the Bali Aga of Trunyan Village

Map of Bali

This map shows the main locations where the moments in this collection were captured.



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