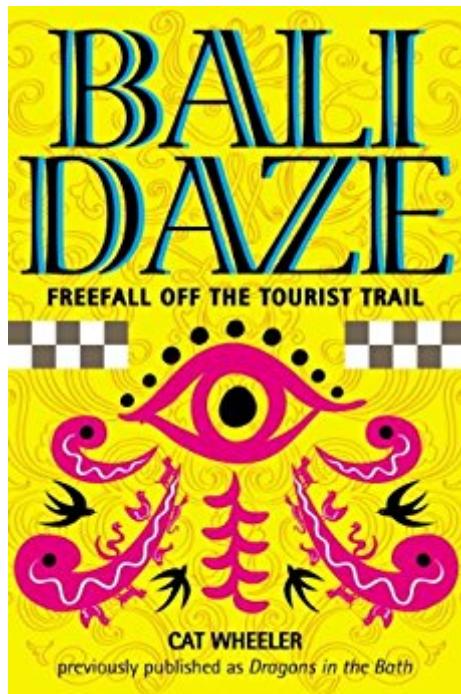


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The goal of a writer is to get a reader to finish the book. I finished the book and I do not finish most books. I have met Cat. Many friends and clients give me their books to read. I am gracious, unless I am drunk, but I rarely finish them. She writes like a blending of Joan Rivers and John Irving. I have little time to read bad books. I gave her book to a friend as I was not finished but I wanted him to read it and then I bought an e-copy of it. I am so not her. I am a hard-core scientist who has grown weary of psycho-babble, new-age people. But I finished her book. I have lived in Hawaii since 1986 and see many similarities - the death of a culture (the Hawaiians) and living on a remote island. If I have to watch another hula performance, I may kill myself. I have met her and she is the real deal. She showed up with an open bottle of wine at a party and I knew we were good. Then she began to

ask real questions and I was busy telling stupid stories. Bali has always been my special place but I doubt that I will return. My first time was in 1990 and it left me spell bound. Seven more trips there, and it would continue to intrigue me. It is the least neurotic culture I have ever experienced. Yes, the island has been overdeveloped but the culture continues to survive and thrive. Cat does an excellent job of depicting the complex Hindu culture, awash in the Muslim archipelago of Indonesia. Reading the book will give you a glimpse of a culture that many of the tourists miss. Cat, you are my hero! Keep writing. I look forward to your next book as dear Joan is dead.

This book is a series of short stories which give a very good and amusing overview of Cat Wheeler's life in Bali and to a lesser extent, Canada. She presents Bali honestly. A friend lent me this book during my third trip to Bali in May 2015. It explained many things I had not previously understood. I have since bought the book and lent it to many people. I use it as a reference when telling friends about the rice fields and the techniques for growing rice, among other things. A very good read for travellers and others wanting to stay in Bali long term.

I could not put this book down. As a regular visitor to Bali and our favourite place Ubud, it felt like being there. The well travelled author with a good sense of humour which is what you would need to build a house there and share it with pets and some strangers from the jungle next door. I love the style of writing with all its humour plus the information of the Balinese people and their unique way of life. The worst part was the end, it could of gone for much longer for me. Anyone with a love of travel, animals and good humour should read this book, will have to look out for the authors previous books

Loved the book. The author describes her life as an expat householder in Bali with a sense of humor and much love for the Balinese. Really well written.

Don't miss out on this book if you stay more than 2 days in Bali... It gives you a good insight picture of this little paradise and might help you being considerate and aware of how fragile it is. And yet how beautiful... Be one of them who cares...

We have been to Bali 12 times, last trip I picked up the local expat newspaper and read a short story from author which impelled me to get her book. I thought I knew heaps about Bali but this has given me much more insight into local customs etc. The book is brilliant! and a fun read as well.

Great read. Really enjoyed it..

A great insight into living in Bali as opposed to just visiting for a week, Cat Wheeler's stories cover many aspects, funny and serious, as a Dachshund (weiner dog) owner myself the descriptions of Daisy and her life with Cat and the other members of her household are particularly welcome.

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