

Bali Magic: Reflections of a Reluctant Psychic by Odyle Knight

This strange, quirky yet uplifting and beguiling book is an account of one woman's journey of self-discovery on the mystical island of Bali. Set against a tapestry of history, legends and an intriguing world of magic, the strangest thing about this remarkable story is that it's based entirely on fact, reinforcing the literary aphorism that truth is often more fascinating than fiction.

Author Odyle Knight shares her actual experiences as she meets with royalty, mystics and political leaders, and is privileged to see ancient treasures as she is led on an extraordinary journey. Enmeshed in a dramatic love triangle, she is challenged to draw on her inner strength and her resilient connection to the island.

Odyle Knight is the author of the bestselling *Bali Moon – A Spiritual Odyssey*. Now sold out, this book is commanding an astounding \$600 per copy on the internet. Clearly *Bali Moon* is no ordinary book and an unusual phenomenon is taking place. The author's popularity must be due to her unique style and honest interpretation, as well as the singular nature of her experiences.

Anand Krishna, one of Indonesia's foremost spiritual gurus based in Jakarta, wrote that reading *Bali Moon* was a wake up call. The issues raised in the book, such as polygamy and the lies and deceptions involved in its practice, should lead people to introspect and follow an honorable path. He remarked on the writer's integrity in sharing her insights.

Bali Magic, the long awaited sequel to *Bali Moon*, was launched in Sanur on December 6th, 2008. The event was attended by a number of prominent guests including the Australian Consul General, the Brazilian, Czech, Hungarian and Swedish Honorary Consuls and the King of Blahbatuh and his wife.

Bali Magic continues Odyle's story. It tells of her love affair with a Balinese priest, and the magical innuendo that was part of their relationship. While involved with this powerful man, strange things begin to happen. Protective angels fall to the ground and smash, and then are hurled across the room! Computer files on magic dissolve into indecipherable symbols!

Finally, when a window pane shatters in her hand, Odyle realizes she is in danger and retreats to Sydney until the danger has passed. Still, the lure of Bali is too hard to resist and when she returns to her island home the story continues to unfold. She is led along a path that is puzzling and complex.

Is it karma or the shadow of past lifetimes, or a strange destiny at work? She becomes ever more involved in the world of spirits with eerie encounters with Nyai Loro Kidul, the Goddess of the South Seas, and President Sukarno in the 'haunted' room that has been set aside for him in the Grand Bali Beach Hotel in Sanur.

Most challenging of all is her meeting with the spirit of one of the most revered heroes of Indonesian antiquity, Gajah Mada, who first united the country in the 14th century. It is his spirit that leads Odyle to the palace of the King of Blahbatuh where he affords her the privilege of viewing the mask of the famous general, the holiest and most coveted of the royal court's collection of 22 sacred masks. Only a very few privileged people have been allowed to see the mask.

The mask is thought to be an exact imprint of Gajah Mada's face and was borrowed by President Suharto so he could draw on its power, placing the artifact on the wall of his Jakarta residence. Strange events occurred around it, as confirmed by the king who showed Odyle old newspaper clippings.

Odyle is then guided to a secret rendezvous where the spirit of Gajah Mada once again is awakened. He instructs the gathering that Odyle is to become one of 'The Sons of the Ancient Heroes.' The Western woman is reluctantly accepted into this august group and together they meet, consult and meditate for the good of the country through times of peace and turmoil.

Odyle Knight is an Australian writer, teacher and counselor with a BA in History and Psychology and diplomas in Education and Counseling. She has obvious expertise in the realm of the metaphysical and has lectured widely on the topic. She holds a Diploma of Astrological Studies from the Royal College of Astrological Studies in London and has worked for many years as a professional astrologer.

The author's fascination with the island's spirituality and its many legends is evident in her latest work. If you have ever wondered why serious travelers are so attracted to a tourist haven like Bali, reading this book will help answer that question. Odyle has lived in both Bali and Sydney for the past twenty years.

Combining personal experience, intuition and a deep knowledge of Bali's absorbing mystique and history, Odyle has woven a wonderful story. On the surface simply a tale of one woman's unusual passage, it is much more. Few visitors or even long-term residents have ever experienced the island as this writer has. And fewer still would ever share it with others.

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