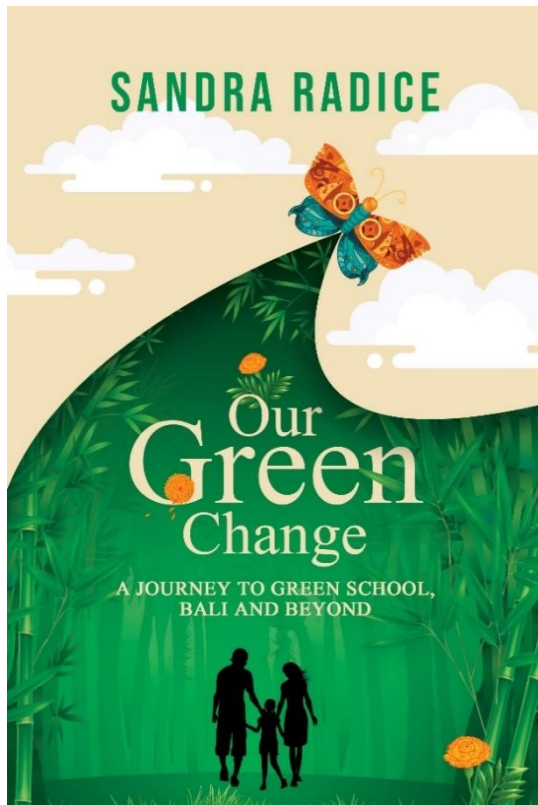


# Our Green Change

A Journey to Green School, Bali and Beyond

SANDRA RADICE



## DID YOU KNOW THERE IS A BAMBOO SCHOOL IN THE HEART OF BALI'S JUNGLE?

Our Green Change follows Sandra and her family on their quest to go 'green' as they relocate to Bali from Sydney. Coming face to face with Green School's dynamic community, they embark on a road less travelled. But the life Bali has to offer won't necessarily be easy.

It is a warm, funny, and at times deeply moving memoir that chronicles one family's quest for a different way of living, one which explores both the exceptional highs and devastating lows that come with uprooting their lives.

With a backdrop of unique festivals, transformational friendships and environmental awakenings, Our Green Change is a journey of discovery and learning to bend like bamboo.

## OUR GREEN CHANGE WILL SHOW BALI IN A WAY NOT IMAGINED...



### ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Sandra was born in Sydney, where she lives with her husband and daughter. Her wanderlust for travel began at an early age after hearing her parents' tales of migrating from southern Italy to Australia by sea. She worked as a print journalist in Hong Kong and Australia before moving into TV production as a researcher, producer and writer. In 2018, she moved to Bali with Tyron and Taylor to be part of the Green School community. **Our Green Change** is her first published memoir.

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## A CONVERSATION WITH THE AUTHOR

### WHY DID YOU WRITE 'OUR GREEN CHANGE'? WHAT WERE YOUR INSPIRATIONS?

*Whilst living in Bali, I wrote blog-style posts about our adventures. We were learning so much about Bali and the environment through Green School that I wanted to share some of that knowledge and I thought it would be a good way for my daughter to look back at this unique experience once she was older. Our friends and family seemed to enjoy the posts and encouraged me to keep writing.*

*When the pandemic hit, our journey was cut short. Back in Australia, I started turning those posts into chapters, possibly to make sense of this time and the bizarre situation the world was facing. The more I wrote about our two-year adventure, the more I started reflecting on my own upbringing and education and the motivation behind the move.*

*Embarking on this green change was a massive leap of faith for me. Writing about it became my next challenge and putting our story "out there" became the final step.*

### FOR WHOM DID YOU WRITE 'OUR GREEN CHANGE' AND WHY?

*Our Green Change is for anyone who loves or aspires to travel - especially family-based travel. It's for people who love Bali and want to learn about the island beyond the stereotypical image of bogans and Bintang. It's for anyone interested in learning about Green School and an alternative education model, where the love of learning and care for the earth is paramount.*

### WHAT KIND OF RESEARCH WENT INTO WRITING THIS MEMOIR?

*Journal writing was fundamental in capturing not only the detail of what I was experiencing but also reflecting on my emotions at the time. Speaking with other people who were also present was useful. On top of that I do background research on the particular event/experience/destination I am writing about, looking for news articles or other people's accounts of similar experiences.*



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