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"A look into some of the best resorts in Bangkok, Bali, China, and India, highlighting the design and landscaping that were designed specifically for Asia's tropical climate." —*Travel Life magazine*

#### About the Author

Bill Bensley first went to Asia in 1984. He worked at Belt Collins, an American landscape architectural firm, before starting his own studio in Bangkok in 1989. A need to have creative fun has fuelled the creation of his prolific portfolio, which includes over 100 resorts in 26 countries.

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