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Green School in Bali

Longtime Bali residents **John** and **Cynthia Hardy** founded Green School because they want to reinvent how children learn. Situated on eight hectares (20 acres) in Sibang Kaja in central Bali, the school mixes traditional subjects like English, science and math with more locally relevant studies like rice field ecology. Green School uses the local environment as a teaching tool too, by integrating the ponds, organic vegetable gardens, edible mazes and permaculture gardens into the holistic curriculum. More than 100 students from upwards of a dozen countries learn together in the same classrooms with local Balinese children. "Education has a huge possibility to shape one's life," says Green School's director, Brad Choyt. "We feel that if you go to school in a box, you end up thinking only within the box. Aesthetics is very important to our curriculum. We need to make the most of every moment of each day. We have to do whatever we can to inspire curiosity."

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Blogs

Meet our blogger: Nazia



Nazia Mallick is a fiction writer from New Delhi, India. She's inspired by human relationships and how they unfold through romance, humanitarian issues and travel. **How did you get started writing fiction?**

"It's always given me the utmost pleasure. I've been writing short stories, poems and sketches since I was 12. Some I managed to get published in local magazines, but most of them I'm compiling into a novel."

What's been your favorite adventure of personal discovery so far?

"When I was young, my father used to take us on a road trip called 'The All-India Trip.' It carried on for many years until I left home for college. Those travels, every year from October to November, were full of adventure, excitement and plenty of learning experiences. I traveled to each and every major city, hill station, beach and port in India. My favorite place is in the snow-capped mountains and undisturbed tranquility of Mussoorie."

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People

The story of Nick Verhulst



Nick Verhulst joined the *Ode* community by happenstance, while surfing the Web this summer. The 45-year-old Belgian had just ventured into the world of eco-friendly fashion with his own bamboo-based clothing company, MOBBOA Bamboo Textiles. Though he had no formal textile experience, no financial backing and a product no one had heard of, Verhulst says he put up a workshop in the backyard, "saw the niche and just started"—as any intelligent optimist would.

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