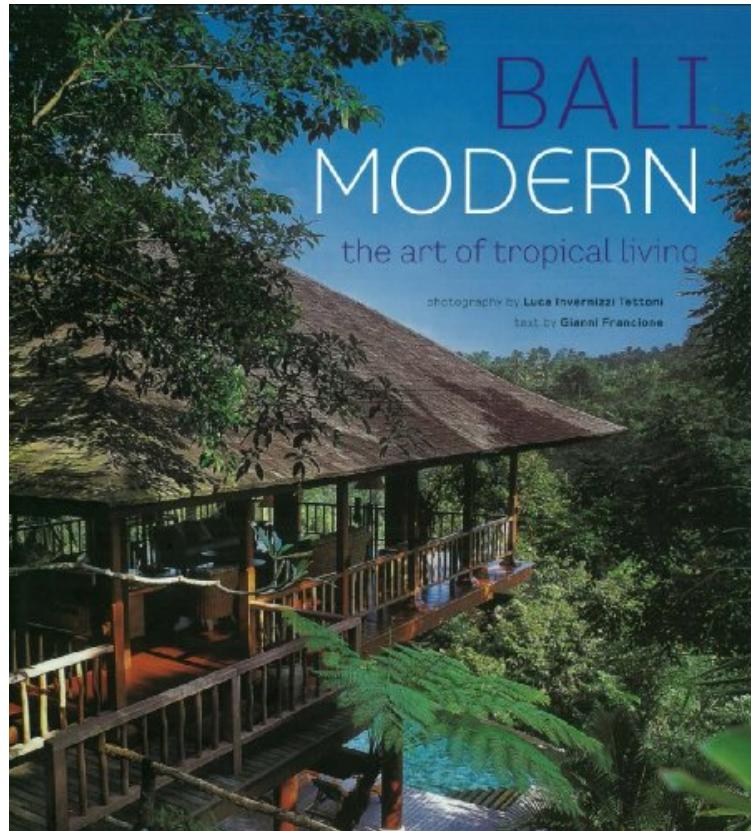


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Blending modern, chic designs with traditional sensibilities, the architecture and decor of Bali is the gold standard for tropical living. A thatched Balinese bale', overlooking a panorama of rice fields and open to the evening breeze, or a courtyard that combines temple carving with relaxing, recreational lounging space are enduring features of a distinctive "Bali-style". Shimmering pavilions, open verandahs, living rooms that invite the outside landscaping inmdash;all are part of the Balinese tropical living experience. This book focuses on these timeless features and shows the new and exciting ways in which they are being interpreted. All the contemporary villas, resort bungalows, shops, restaurants and other buildings in the book, most never photographed before are new additions to the Bali scene. Each

is unique, and, most importantly, characterized by a distinctly modern feel. Cleaner lines, more imaginative use of space, sharp angles, and the use of stone, concrete and ceramic roof tiles, are increasingly visible along with the coconut wood, teak and thatching. Stunning color photographs depict the residences set within their natural landscapes; architectural details; and a stunning array of individual interiors. Meticulous text compiled by an expert in tropical design, relates the various stages of the development of this new, international style, and complements the fascinating array of interiors featured.

**About the Author**Gianni Francione is an architect from Turin, North Italy, who has lived in Bali for over 20 years. He is inspired by tribal art and the vernacular architectural tradition of Indonesia, and has designed countless tropical homes.