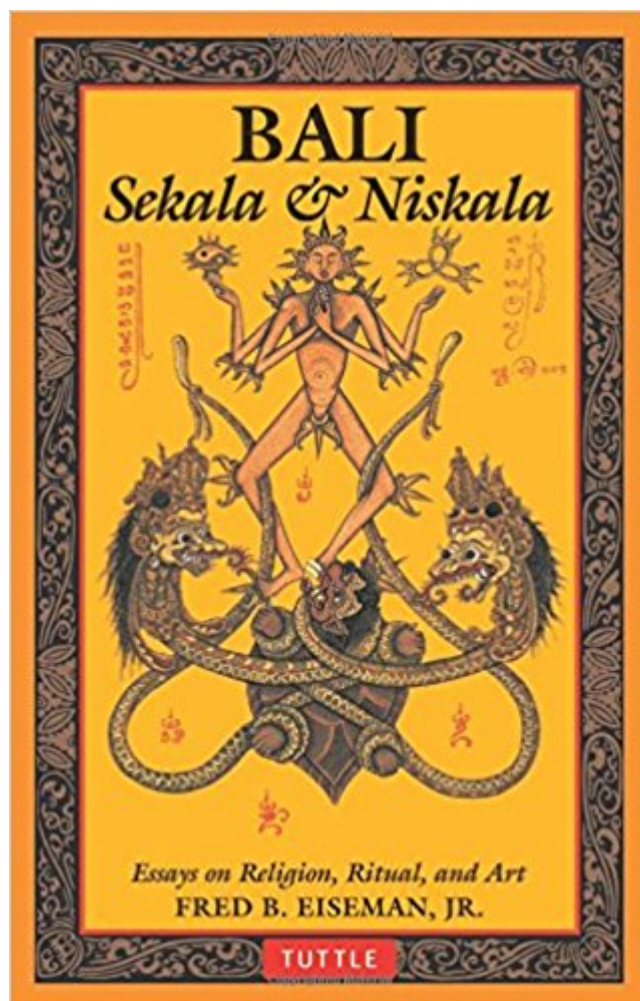


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# Bali: Sekala & Niskala



## Synopsis

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In Bali, what you see • *sekala* is a colorful world of ceremony, ritual, dance, and drama. What you don't see what is occult • *niskala* is the doctrine underlying the pageants, the code underlying the rites, and the magic underlying the dance. In this book, author Fred Eiseman explores both tangibles and intangibles in the realm of Balinese religion, ritual, and performing arts. The essays collected here topics ranging from Hindu mythology to modern gamelan music. Eiseman's approach is that of a dedicated reporter in love with his subject • he has the knowledge and patience to explain the near infinite permutations of the Balinese calendar, and yet he is still moved by the majesty of the great Eka Dasa Rudra ceremony. The author's 28 years experience on the island shows, and this book rewards close reading • even by the most seasoned students of Balinese culture.

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Fred Eiseman's 28 years of experiences in Bali and his love of Balinese culture prompted him to write this book.

Geat ideas. Lovely pictures.

Beautiful photography. Thank you for providing a glimpse into another culture.

I am still reading, but have found it very informative. Having holidayed in Bali earlier this year, I wanted to understand the religion & lifestyle better.

Great book!

This book is fabulous. It is an in depth view into the Balinese culture and why they do the things they do. Fascinating and well written. Love it!

If you are into nature infused design this is a book of inspiration and awe. inside outside - wabi sabi - earth air fire water

If you're a history buff this is great but just to read - forget it. I never finished it and probably never will.

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