



# BAD KARMA

Confessions of a reckless  
traveller in South-east Asia

TAMARA SHEWARD

Book of the Week – good karma, really ... self-deprecating humour ... hits the mark.

Wild-child writer Tamara Sheward, whose adventures are recounted in ... a humourous collection of politically-incorrect tales of Asian drug dealers and stoned backpackers ... irrepressible.

“Danger is my Business “ *Sydney Morning Herald*

The irrepressible Tamara Sheward revels in the seamier side of backpacking through Asia.

Horribly funny  
John Killorn, *The Word*

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Entertainingly witty and sarcastic, will have you chuckling ... Sheward's hilarious reflections on her travels are of the touchingly human variety, commonsense rather than lofty political correctness.

Hilarious and uniquely Australian  
Lulu Roseman, *The Blurb*

## About the Author

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Tamara Sheward was born in New Jersey, USA of a low-caste Englishman and a Russian refugee and she took her first round the world trip at the tender age of 8 months. Her original intention was to pen a book of short stories based on some of her more off-beat travels but she was unable to stem the flow of ribald, gormless recklessness that was the true-life tale of her trip to South-East Asia.

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