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choc-a-bloc with interesting information; gorgeous photographs. Details of the architectural plan and historical background [are] accompanied by; interesting anecdotes from mythology. --The Asian Age, March 15, 2002  
About the Author George Michell trained as an architect and obtained a PhD in Indian Archaeology at the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London. He has carried out research on many historical sites in India including the Deccan, Bengal, Gujarat and the palace-city of Vijayanagara in Karnataka. The research projects have varied from surveys of town planning and Islamic buildings to detailed studies of temple architecture and sculpture. His publications include Architecture of the Islamic World: Its History and Social Meaning, Royal Palaces of India, Oriental Scenery, Hindu Art and Architecture, Islamic Heritage of the Deccan, Blue Guide to Southern India and Hampi (IBH).