

ABOUT THE AUTHORS

OLGA BENTSMAN KUNDRA BARRON was born in Russia and spent the second half of her childhood in New Hampshire. Her interest in photography was first piqued by her family's purchase of an Olympus OMG camera which she took on her hikes around New Hampshire and later to Israel and the Nepal Himalayas. Eventually, Olga traded New Hampshire's White Mountains for the Colorado Rockies, where she lives full time with her husband. She is an avid hiker, runner, skier, SCUBA diver and photographer.

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