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Following the critical and commercial success of 'Pattern and Ornament in the Arts of India', Henry Wilson has turned for this companion volume to a single theme. But what a theme: the variety of floral motifs in the exquisitely wrought details of India's architectural wonders is boundless, and one can only marvel at the way in which the basic elements of wood, stone and plaster have been transformed into masterworks of decorative art. From the illustrious Mughal Empire during its greatest period of monument-building and artistic creativity to the time of British rule, which brought with it an unprecedented period of peace that allowed great wealth to be concentrated on the arts, the richness of India's architecture is overwhelming.

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Henry Wilson is well known as a photographer of architecture and interiors, with a special interest in India. His books include *India Contemporary* and *Pattern and Ornament in the Arts of India*, and he is a frequent contributor to *The World of Interiors*, *Architectural Digest*, and other design magazines. He lives in London.
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