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HE'S got a licence to thrill...India's first military action thriller writer, Mukul Deva is back with a bang with Blowback, the third in the four-part series on global terrorism, after the best-selling Lashkar and Salim Must Die. Mukul was here at the Capitol Book Depot to promote Blowback, and was in conversation with Neelam Man Singh, with Vijai Vardhan reading excerpts from the book.

A former Indian Army officer and security consultant, Mukul's been there and done that, with an eventful Army tenure, which included a decade of operational service, one that gave him a close insight and experience to write

TERROR TRAIL

Mukul Deva's back in action,
with Blowback

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on a subject as tough and sensitive as terrorism. "It all began with the Sarojini Nagar blasts, it was so frustrating to see what was happening. People had a hazy view of it, and I wanted them to know the reality and how important it is to defend our security and demand it as a right," says Mukul, who decided to write a series of novels on the subject to deal with it with more clarity and depth. As for turning to fiction to uncover it all, Mukul feels it gives him more liberty and a licence to hunt when he calls it fictional and also gets it easier to get the story across. "A good story has to be backed by reality, true incidents, and a clear perspective, which I ensure. I have been to all the places I write about, and have physically ensured the

facts, with half of my researching and then he adds. The writer a itary action is a tough it's sensitive, but he' love with the dark s man nature and aft ries, he plans to do a ries on the seven de "What's vital is reali genre and that's wha strive to achieve," M Blowback is all about tunate and uninteg of military action and of the hour, especially to fight terrorism wit ammunition and ma "Blowback is bound t and thrill you, buy it Mukul.

The novel has be lished by Harper Co priced at Rs 199.