

**Mukul Deva on his Book 'Tanzeem' - Interview**

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**News Desk (By Sree Valli):** Tanzeem will hit the stands in January 2011. Mukul Deva's fans predict that Tanzeem, will also be a best seller, like its predecessors, Lakshar (2008), Salim Must Die (2009) and Blowback (2010).

Mukul Deva, with three back-to-back bestsellers has electrified the military/spy thriller genre in Indian writing. Who is this new author that has book lovers, publishers and critics buzzing?

Mukul Deva, in conversation about the man himself-



**Q1. SV:** From an Officer in Indian Army, to a writer, a rare transition. How did this happen?

**MD:** The transition was natural for me and reflective of my life's journey, since I always wanted to be a writer. Also, must add that the transition is not as difficult as it seems – not if one keeps things simple and focuses on what one wants to achieve. Most of us do not realize that we are limited only by what we believe we are capable of.

**Q2. SV:** What is the time frame you need to write a book?

**MD:** It takes me about one year to write a book. That's in keeping with my self-imposed deadline of releasing a book every year.

**Q3.SV:** How do you get your information or ideas for your books?

**MD:** For ideas I look at events happening all around us. For information I rely on good, solid research – in libraries, on the Internet and through interviews of appropriate people.

**Q4.SV:** What does your family think of your writing?

**MD:** They think it's a great idea and are very supportive of it. We all believe it is important to allow ourselves to do what is important for us.

**Q5.SV:** What was one of the most surprising things you learned in creating your books?

**MD:** The fact that I am a rather good storyteller...☺ and that I LOVE the mere act of writing.

**Q6.SV:** Who is your favorite writer or some one whose works inspired you to write?

**MD:** You mean other than me...☺ I really enjoy Shakespeare, Sharat Chandra Verma, Camus and Salinger.

**Q7.SV:** What do you do when you are not writing?

**MD:** Well I write four hours every day. And when I am not writing I am coaching, mentoring, working on my business, traveling, reading and meeting people.

**Q8.SV:** How would you define yourself?

**MD:** In my head I will always be an army man, since you can take the man out of the army but not the army out of the man. In my heart I am and will always be a storyteller since that defines who I am. To feed the stomach I am an entrepreneur since one does have the rent and school fees to pay... For me the most primordial need is to learn and to grow... to be a more responsible and active global citizen.

\*\*\*An army man, successful author, entrepreneur, coach, mentor, world traveler-how much more global can one get!