

# WHISPER WORDS

By *Neha Tara Mehta*

## ■ *MAN OR MACHINE?*

He insists he is not a machine, but given the rate at which he rolls out books, you can hardly bring yourself to agree with ex-armyman Mukul Deva. Just out with his third and final book in the best-selling *Lashkar* series, *Tanzeem*, Mukul doesn't have time for withdrawal symptoms. "I PMS when I am not writing," he jokes, adding that the next year could see the release of not one but two of his books. One of these — titled *And Death Came Calling* — will be the first of a seven-part series on the deadly sins; the other, Mukul says, will be a thriller on a topical theme. Writing isn't the only pursuit the Singapore-based author is engaged in. He runs two companies and a non-profit organisation, and still finds time for a swim. The next time you have a writer's block, think of how much this soldier-turned-writer-entrepreneur packs into his day.

*Meet Mukul Deva, author of the bestselling Lashkar series on March 31, at 4.00 p.m., on [www.harpercollins.co.in](http://www.harpercollins.co.in). Mukul will choose three winners who will get Lashkar gift hampers.*



**Mukul Deva is now writing two books**