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Paperback Pickings

Tanzeem (*HarperCollins, Rs 225*) by **Mukul Deva** is an apt finale to the critically-acclaimed *Lashkar* series. The henchmen of the warlord from Waziristan, the Ameer-ul-Momineem, have murdered a young woman named Tanaz.

Grief-stricken, Tanaz's husband, Iqbal, is ready to take on the near impossible quest of hunting the warlord down.

However, his search turns out to be a long and perilous one, for the warlord has his own agenda — to create Tanzeem, a group of faithful, armed men, and unleash them on the world as a *jihadi* terror machine.

Apart from being a gripping account of the journey of terrorism over the decades, Deva's sharp storytelling abilities drive home the fact that relentless efforts are on to seize Pakistan's nuclear arsenal, an event that would spell untold disaster for the world.

