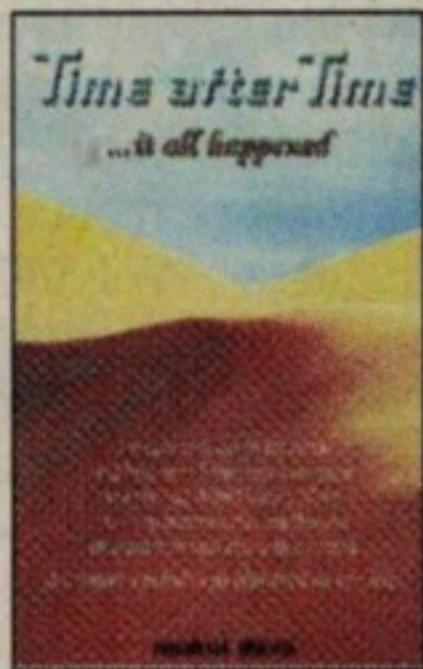


# PICK OF THE WEEK



The author Mukul Deva is an ex-armyman and *Time After Time ... It All Happened* (Minerva, Rs 190) is his first book. The blurb has exhausted all the adjectives this type of writing squeezes out (“racy”, “raunchy”,

“whacky” etc etc). There is a note at the start: “This book is not recommended for individuals below eighteen years of age and literary critics”. There are chapters titled ‘The Bathroom’, ‘Underpants’, ‘And *Lungis*’ all vying to give an “original take on life”. The work, despite sounding too smart with its yankeefied language that can easily put off a serious reader, manages to be enjoyable.