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LASHKAR, by Mukul Deva

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Mukul uses his inside knowledge of the armed forces to create a fictional account of Establishment 22, India's answer to the British special force SAS. A terrorist strike provides the backdrop for retaliatory action by 22 against the source of terror—the Lashkar, its camps and its main funder. Exciting, in a MacLeanish manner, with some action, some introspection, some retrospection and the perennial combat of good and evil, where life is mostly black and white.

HOT Tip: A racy read, though not layered. A boys' delight like the *Biggles* series of yore.



LASHKAR

"This is Tom Clancy-style stuff. Lashkar works—and not just for its blinding pace!" The Hindustan Times

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