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Tale to thrill

A series of bomb blasts take place in New Delhi that compels the Army to call for a special squad that is responsible for tackling the miscreants. In the meantime, a young boy, Iqbal, is trained to be a *jehadi*. Sounds like a perfect Bollywood film, but Mukul Deva goes one step further and brings in contemporary references that readers can recognise. With vivid descriptions of the army life and Iqbal's transformation to a *jehadi* and later an anti-*jehadi*, certainly qualifies as an edge-of-the-seat thriller. You'll certainly enjoy it.

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