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## The Dust Shall Never Settle by Mukul Deva

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"The Dust Shall never Settle" is a new action thriller from novelist Mukul Deva of the "Salim Must Die" fame. True to style, Mukul Deva's setting is India.

India is in the midst of making arrangements for Commonwealth Games when it gets a unique opportunity to host a Palestine-Israeli peace summit. India accepts this, but the security agencies now have a task on their hands, especially since terrorists are determined not to let peace triumph.

The plot combines action with the emotions of relationships and politics. It drives home the message of the call of duty transcending family bonds and also highlights how politics can cause the rot and decadence of even the best of institutions. Ruby Gill, the MI6 trained terrorist is the estranged daughter of Ravindra Singh Gill, head of the Indian anti-terrorist task force. Ravindra's deputy Mohite is an incompetent but the Home Minister's favourite. Mohite very often undermines Ravindra's good work. The other characters are merely supporting these leads.

Mukul Deva scores in characterization and attention to detail. The plot itself is fast paced and keeps the readers hooked on. The sombre ending infuses a touch of reality to what would have been an otherwise far-fetched series of events.

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