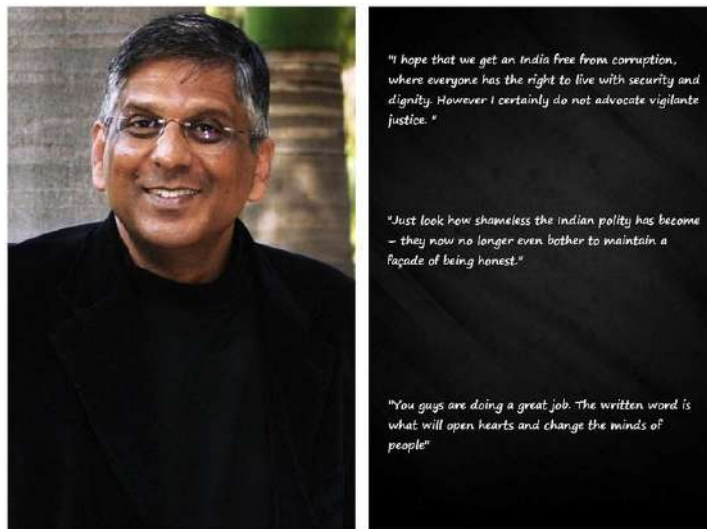


MUKUL DEVA | Author Interview

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Mukul Deva had predicted the presence of Osama in Pakistan in his book "LASHKAR" and his capture by the US SEAL team in his book "SALIM MUST DIE". Now, in his latest book "R.I.P." he has predicted the rise of a Vigilante group in India to tackle corruption. We got an opportunity to speak to the man himself about these predictions and about his views on corruption & vigilantism.



BookGeeks: Which Mukul Deva do you most identify with? "*Mukul - The Author*" or "*Mukul - The Mentor*" or "*Mukul - The Coach*" or "*Mukul - The Entrepreneur*"?

Mukul: I would have to say, Mukul the storyteller. However the other aspects are very important parts of who I am and add meaning to my journey.

BookGeeks: Tell us something about the Army years.

Mukul: Suffice to say that they were the formative years of my life, where I learnt whatever little I know of life, leadership and values. If I shared any more details of my army life I would have to take you out and shoot you :)

- BookGeeks:** You had predicted Osama's presence in Pakistan and then his capture through your books. Was it a gut feeling or was it something else?
- Mukul:** Well, I have always spent an extraordinary amount of time on research and I am an avid student of history. I guess both these come together with my love for writing about things happening around us and logically end up is some of the things I write about coming true.
- BookGeeks:** Do you predict the events in R.I.P to happen in the future?
- Mukul:** I hope the outcome is as given in the book - that is, we get an India free from corruption, where everyone has the right to live with security and dignity. However I certainly do not advocate vigilante justice. Such simplistic solutions can seldom yield any sustainable change.
- BookGeeks:** Would you be surprised if a Vigilante group actually comes up in India?
- Mukul:** No I would not be surprised. Vigilantism is something that simmers just below the surface of human existence. Whenever the custodians of law become the rapists, such extra-judicial actions get unleashed. Just look how shameless the Indian polity has become - they now no longer even bother to maintain a façade of being honest. It is hard to pick up the paper and not be assaulted by such shameless thievery. Today, if anything, the Indian polity is perhaps the biggest roadblock to the shining destiny that India deserves.
- BookGeeks:** Which is the best way to tackle corruption in India - The Anna Hazare way? Or The R.I.P. way?
- Mukul:** I will reserve my comments on this question :)
- BookGeeks:** Please tell us something about your next book and its expected release.
- Mukul:** The next book, titled "*F.C.U.K Your Way To Success*" is releasing on 2nd May 2013 in UK and South East Asia, and in a few weeks in the Indian sub-continent. It's a very powerful book on *BreakThrough Thinking*. Even in the pre-release stage there has been a huge response to it. In fact, the L&D program run by our company, which is based on this book, is one of our most sought after program/keynote and delivered by me sometimes as often as 3-4 times every month. Right after this is the US and Canada release of *THE DUST WILL NEVER SETTLE*, which released in India in Aug 2012. And there is lots more coming up. Do check out www.mukuldeva.com
- BookGeeks:** What would be your message to our readers?
- Mukul:** Keep reading and don't forget the two fundamental truths. You have to be the change you want to see, and Every country gets the government it deserves. *Is this what you (and India) deserve? Or do you want more? If yes, then what is stopping us from seeking and being the change, we want?*
- BookGeeks:** Any special message for BookGeeks.in team?
- Mukul:** You guys are doing a great job. Please keep it up. The written word is what will open hearts and change the minds of people, and in the end be the bedrock of a better word.