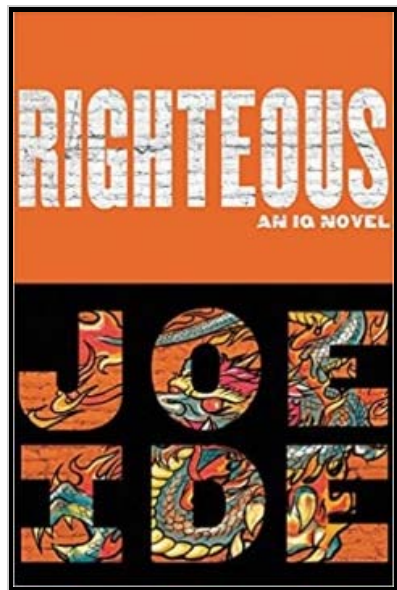


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## Righteous

by Joe Ide

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**From the Publisher:** In this hotly anticipated follow-up to the smash hit *IQ*, a *New York Times* Critics' Best of the Year and nominee for the Best First Novel Edgar Award, Isaiah uncovers a secret behind the death of his brother, Marcus.

For ten years, something has gnawed at Isaiah Quintabe's gut and kept him up nights, boiling with anger and thoughts of revenge. Ten years ago, when Isaiah was just a boy, his brother was killed by an unknown assailant. The search for the killer sent Isaiah plunging into despair and nearly destroyed his life. Even with a flourishing career, a new dog, and near-iconic status as a PI in his hometown, East Long Beach, he has to begin the hunt again-or lose his mind.

A case takes him and his volatile, dubious sidekick, Dodson, to Vegas, where Chinese gangsters and a terrifying seven-foot loan shark are stalking a DJ and her screwball boyfriend. If Isaiah doesn't find the two first, they'll be murdered. Awaiting the outcome is the love of IQ's life: fail, and he'll lose her. Isaiah's quest is fraught with treachery, menace, and startling twists, and it will lead him to the mastermind behind his brother's death, Isaiah's own sinister Moriarty.

With even more action, suspense, and mind-bending mysteries than Isaiah's first adventures, *Righteous* is a rollicking, ingenious thrill ride.

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### About The Author

Joe Ide

Joe Ide is of Japanese American descent. Growing up in South Central Los Angeles, Joe's favorite books were the Conan Doyle Sherlock Holmes stories. The idea that a person could face the world and vanquish his enemies with just his intelligence fascinated him. Joe went on to earn a graduate degree and had several careers before writing his debut novel, *IQ*, inspired by his early experiences and his love of Sherlock. Joe lives in Santa Monica, California. Visit his website at [www.joeide.com](http://www.joeide.com)

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### What We Say

Joe Ide follows up his terrific debut "IQ" with a solid entry, a mystery not as immediately satisfying as the first in the series but one that wisely sets him up for the long haul. Our hero Isaiah Quintabe -- aka "IQ" because he's so damned smart -- is a combination Sherlock Holmes/Easy Rawlins, super brainy but just as likely to be helping kids with a school bully as a

wealthy rapper. The first book told two stories: one that showed IQ on a current case and the other showing how this very precocious and confident young man escaped a desperate childhood after the accidental death of his brother made IQ embrace an easy life of crime. "Righteous" does a similar trick, though not as well. Here again we see IQ dealing with a complicated case involving Vegas, gamblers up to their ears in debt, a prostitution ring and organized crime. That's contrasted with a second story where IQ discovers his brother was murdered and becomes determined to figure out why. In the first book, IQ was always seven steps ahead of everyone else. Here, he's been "reset" -- we see him learning on the job, sometimes petulant, etc. His partner/sidekick is also fleshed out. Unlike Watson and so many others, Dodson is super annoyed that IQ is so smart and never asks for an opinion or advice. Determined to prove himself, Dodson is nobody's fool and that makes their dynamic fresh and surprising, a solid new twist on an old idea. The crime and its resolution isn't the mystery's strength -- it's the characters, from the female deejay who loves her loser, gambling boyfriend to Dodson's pregnant woman, who stares down gangsters with unnerving calm. "Righteous" is a good book and Ide is playing the long game by ratcheting down IQ's savvy and giving him room to grow. This should be a very good series. -- Michael Giltz

## What Others Say

"Joe Ide is the best new discovery I've come across in a long time. And Isaiah Quintabe is the kind of sleuth not seen on the mystery landscape before. *Righteous* is a riveting follow up to *IQ*."âMichael Connelly, *author of The Late Show* -

"Last year, Joe Ide became the best thing to happen to mystery writing in a very long time. . . . There are a lot of fine reasons to discover Ide's work. . . . He writes thumbnail descriptions that rival Elmore Leonard's. . . . His dialogue, much of it unprintable here, has bite that puts him in the Winslow/Lehane league. . . . The world of these books is one of constant trash talk, and Ide delivers it with style. . . . It may be time for Ide to lay to rest Isaiah's Marcus obsession and give him other things to think about. I can't wait to find out what they'll be."âJanet Maslin, *New York Times* -

"Excellent... Ide keeps *Righteous* on a righteous path of compelling storytelling, allowing his characters to flourish while exploring the worst of human nature. Never once does *Righteous* go over the top as Ide keeps each plot point chillingly realistic... Ide's debut *IQ* showed what a skillful writer he is. *Righteous* elevates the author--and his characters--to a new level."âOline Cogdill, *The Associated Press* -

"Ide is the real thing. This column was late, because I couldn't stop reading my advance copy."âAllison K. Hill, *Long Beach Press-Telegram* -

"Outstanding . . . Ide again makes his hero's deductive brilliance plausible, while presenting an emotionally engaging story that doesn't shy away from presenting the bleakest aspects of humanity."â*Publishers Weekly (starred review)* -

"Ide's debut, *IQ*, was one of last year's best crime novels, and he follows it with another scorcher. . . . Like the great Thomas Perry, Ide manages to combine light and

dark in wholly unpredictable ways, blending comic capering with real-life bloodletting in a manner that diminishes neither and taps a vein of deep emotion lurking amid the laugh lines and spurts of violence. Anyone who loves Perry or Timothy Hallinan needs to hop on Ide's bandwagon while there's still room to sit." â*Booklist (starred review)* -

"Brilliantly executed . . . Deftly weaving the search for Marcus's killer with various escapades in Vegas, Ide employs a clever mixing of time lines that will keep readers guessing until the explosive, bloody denouement. A winning combination of skillful writing and flawless pacing, this second series outing is packed with adrenaline-inducing scenes along with a colorful cast of violent and treacherous villains."â*Library Journal (starred review)* -

"The game's afoot once again for 20-something genius sleuth Isaiah Quintabe. . . . [Ide] keeps your head in the game throughout with his witty style and edgy storytelling, both of which show greater assurance than in his first novel--and even bigger potential for the future. A thrilling follow-up to one of the more auspicious detective-series debuts in recent memory."â*Kirkus Reviews* -

"*Righteous* is action packed, cerebral and altogether engaging, and I predict a long string of follow-up novels in this fine series."âBruce Tierney, *Bookpage* -

"Introducing one of the best loved detectives in the recent annals of crime fiction... a shot of adrenaline for Sherlock-style mystery lovers."âDwyer Murphy, *Lit Hub* -

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