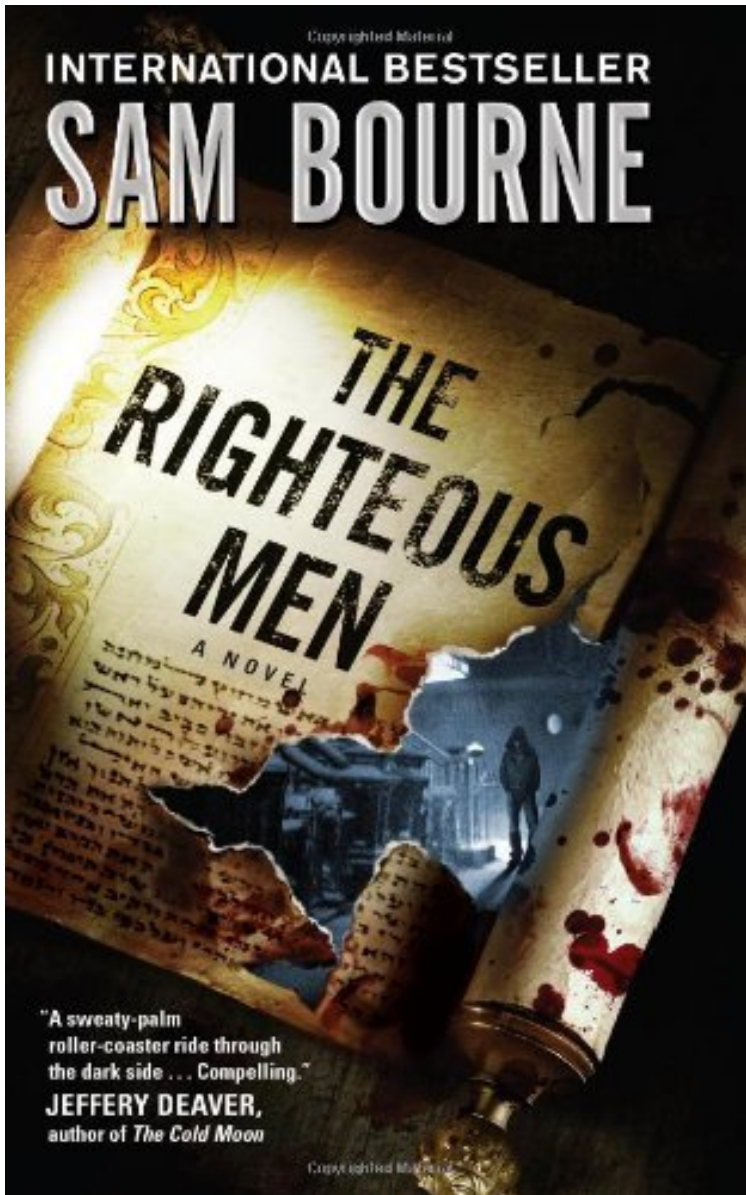


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Description : Description du produitTwo murders, one in the back streets of New York, the other in the backwoods of Montana. A series of killings in every corner of the globe. When British-born reporter Will

Monroes wife is kidnapped, he follows a trail that leads to a mysterious sect right on his own doorstep fervent followers of one of mankind's oldest faiths. He must break through layers of mysticism and ancient prophecy until he finds the secret on which the fate of humanity may depend. But with more murders by the hour, and each clue wrapped in layers of code, time is running out...

Prsentation de l'diteurThe righteous shall never be removed: but the wicked shall not inhabit the earth. . . .A teenage computer prodigy is mortally strangled in Mumbai. A far-right extremist is killed in a remote cabin

in the Pacific Northwest. A wealthy businessman is murdered in Thailand. A pimp in Brooklyn is found stabbed to death and mysteriously covered by a brown shroud. What connects the victims is an ancient prophecy that leads to the end of the world, and it's up to Will Monroe, a fledgling reporter at the New York Times, to stop it. But Monroe's investigation quickly makes him some shadowy enemies, who kidnap his wife and hold her hostage in Crown Heights. Desperate to find the link between the killings and to save his wife, he enlists his college sweetheart, TC, an eccentric artist and Kabbalah expert. As the death toll rises, they follow a trail of clues that seems to lead inexorably to a set of ancient texts containing a prophecy that promises to save the world or to destroy it. What will happen when the one secret that has kept the world safe for thousands of years is revealed to all? In *The Righteous Men*, a blistering thriller filled with mystery, romance, and suspense, Sam Bourne takes readers deep into the hidden worlds of fundamentalist religion, mysticism, and biblical prophecies. This is a visionary tale that is as frightening as it is entertaining. Readers won't stop turning the pages until the very end. From Publishers Weekly Bourne's first novel, with a jacket that promises ancient secrets and mysterious manuscripts, has all the obligatory religious-thriller elements.

Unfortunately, his hero, fledgling New York Times reporter Will Monroe Jr., is clueless, the structure unoriginal, the code-breaking boring, the earth-shattering threat unbelievable and the writing often clumsy ("Will felt his eyes soaking with tears"). Will, while investigating his first murder story, discovers that the victim, a pimp with multiple stab wounds, has a heart of gold and is indeed a "righteous man." After Will writes about another righteous man's murder, Will's wife, Beth, is abducted. Will's search for Beth leads him to the insular Hasidic community of Crown Heights, Brooklyn, where he undergoes a bit of torture while learning the history of Judaism. Eventually, Will unearths a vast conspiracy whose goal is Armageddon, the end of the world. Bourne, the pseudonym of British journalist Jonathan Freedland, has done his homework, but the heavy breathing one senses is not the sound of captivated readers whipping through the pages but rather that of an anxious author frantically attempting to hammer his extensive research into the mold of bestselling fiction. Rights sold in 24 countries. (Sept.) Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. Audiofile Dennis Boutsikaris relates a story of dark intrigue with stylish articulation of diverse characters around the world, using distinct Jewish accents and lyrical tones to set characters apart. For Will Monroe, stories in the NEW YORK TIMES of righteous men being murdered worldwide are at first simply curious. When his pregnant wife is kidnapped, it becomes personal. Dennis Boutsikaris's delivery conveys a sense of mystery and terror that ratchets up the tension. A relentless chase begins that involves New York's Hassidic community, strange Kabbalah experts, and the identity of The Apostle, only whispered about in legends. Boutsikaris excels, yet he cannot overcome Monroe's unsympathetic character and a plot filled with unlikely coincidences. G.D.W. AudioFile 2006, Portland, Maine-- Copyright AudioFile, Portland, Maine