



Unleash The Fury

A Storm of Vengeance on Eastern Sands by Joseph Paul D'Aquisto ★★★★★

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Book Review

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"Does anything even matter anymore? If I die today, will anyone care?" For John Sandes, the protagonist of Joseph Paul D'Aquisto's novel Unleash the Fury: A Storm of Vengeance on Eastern Sands, the real question is whether he cares. John is a 69-year-old ex-Seattle cop haunted by his memories, who takes a vacation to Sri Lanka. While exploring the island, he stumbles upon a shabby little town that even the flies and vermin seem ashamed to call home, where he witnesses a horrific crime. Fueled by his mind's demons gnawing at his sanity, John gets involved. However, there is a catch: the town is ruled by two rival criminal gangs engaged in a cold war that is ready to ignite. John is about to learn that playing both sides against the middle comes at a cost, and as the lines between right and wrong blur, he stands on the precipice of becoming a thug.

Hard-hitting from the get-go, Unleash The Fury by Joseph Paul D'Aquisto is a neo-Western crime story full of action. The familiar plot caught me by surprise as it is very reminiscent of Akira Kurosawa's film Yojimbo, or more precisely, the 1996 remake Last Man Standing, where a skillful gunman provokes two opposing factions into destroying one another. Dark themes permeate the story and suit the plot well. Character development is focused mainly on the protagonist, portrayed as a complex individual with a tenuous grip on sanity. The pace is fast and furious without any let-up, making for a lively and entertaining read. Overall, Unleash The Fury is a tried and true formula that will please adrenaline junkies and fans of action tales.





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Author Biography

Joseph, a native of Manhattan, New York, moved to Asheville, North Carolina at the age of eight, where he spent the majority of his childhood. His life has since taken him across the United States, Canada, and Europe, shaping his global perspective and fueling his passion for storytelling. A dedicated traveler, Joseph finds inspiration in international affairs, film, pop culture, photography and the unique atmospheres of the cities he explores, often while walking their streets or relaxing in coffee shops.

Joseph holds an impressive academic portfolio, including a Master of Arts in International Relations, a Master of Arts in Linguistics, a Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics & Russian, and an Associate of Applied Science in Information Systems. His writing seamlessly blends intellectual depth with vivid storytelling.

In 2021, Joseph made his literary debut with Left For Death, captivating readers with his gripping narratives. His forthcoming book, Unleash the Fury, promises yet another thrilling journey for his audience.