# **Bios for Walt Socha**

**Head Shot:** 



### **Two-line Bio:**

Walt explores twists in his short stories and the effect of advanced technology on Medieval life in his Crossover novel series.

### Short Bio:

Walt's short story genres vary from YA to adult adventure. His alternative novel series (Crossover) explores the effect of inserting modern medical knowledge, weapons, and agriculture into the medieval world. Latest information on his stories can be found at waltsocha.com. Contact him at walt@waltsocha.com

### Long Bio:

Walt is a recovering engineer from the low end of high tech.

His short stories tend toward the YA (young adult) genre and are listed at waltsocha.com/shorts.

The first novel, *Conflict*, in his Crossover series (Alternative History/11<sup>th</sup> Century) was published in November, 2016. The second, *Contact*, will be published in March, 2017.

Walt lives in Portland, Oregon with his artist wife Gretha and two cats (named Schiz and Zoid). When not writing, her plays jazz piano, performs labor sacrifices to the food chain goddess in the vegetable garden, and cleans litter boxes.

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## Five Fun Facts You Didn't Know About Walt:

- 1. Spent 1971 through 1973 in Kenya serving in the Peace Corps.
- 2. Met his wife (Gretha) on a Scuba Diving boat in 1988.
- 3. Walt and Gretha's cats are named Ramses and Nefret. Named after two characters in Elisabeth Peter's Amelia Peabody series. Caveat: Walt still call thems Schiz and Zoid when his wife isn't around.
- 4. Walt had always considered writing fiction. But it was Jasper Fforde's "The Eyre Affair" that convinced them to do so. He envied the fun that the author must have had writing it. (Plot: Jane Eyre is kidnapped our of her book!)
- 5. Walt prefers to play ragtime and jazz. And listen to 60s R&R.