

Bios for Walt Socha

Head Shot:



Two-line Bio:

Walt explores the effect of advanced technology on medieval life in his *Crossover* series.

Short Bio:

Walt's alternative history novel series, *Crossover*, explores the effect of providing knowledge of "Guns, Germs, and Steel" to indigenous cultures before European contact. The latest information on his stories can be found at waltsocha.com. Contact him at walt@waltsocha.com

Long Bio:

Walt escaped a career as an engineer to explore the effect of providing knowledge of "Guns, Germs, and Steel" to indigenous cultures before European contact.

The first novel, [*Conflict*](#), in his *Crossover* series (Alternative History/11th Century) was published in November 2016. The second, [*Contact*](#), was published in July 2017. The third, [*Collapse*](#), will be out in early 2019.

Walt lives in Portland, Oregon with his artist wife, Gretha, and two cats (named Schiz and Zoid). When not writing, he 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 them 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 out of her book!)
5. Walt prefers to play ragtime and jazz. But has Gregorian Chant (!) in the background when writing.