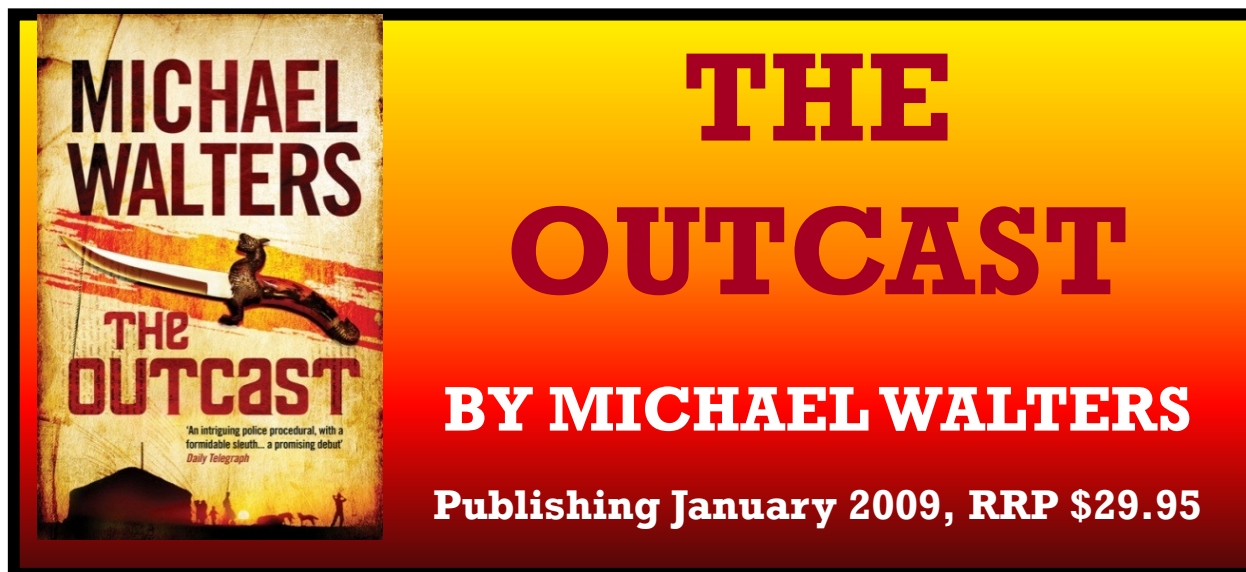


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The shadow of Ghengis Khan looms over the third instalment of Michael Walter's vividly atmospheric series of Mongolian thrillers

Ulaan Bataar bakes in the heat of an unseasonably hot summer as it prepares to celebrate the 800th anniversary of the birth of the Mongol Empire. But the city is facing a series of unexpected crises – an apparent suicide bomber shot down by police in Suuk Bataar Square, a dead body in the City Museum re-enacting an incident from ancient Mongolian history, an explosion at a political rally and yet another body found murdered nearby.

Doripalam, now boss of the Serious Crime Team, faces crises of his own; one of his own team is arrested and Solongo, Doripalam's wife, finds herself entangled with murder and with the fugitive officer. Worst of all, Nergui, Doripalam's former boss, who is now an influential figure in the Ministry of Security, appears to be pursuing an agenda all of his own.

The roots of all this trouble lie in the past – in the history of the Mongol nation, as well as in the more recent legacies of the communist state. As the sun beats down, a chilling figure emerges – a figure from Nergui's past, an outcast, who has returned to exact revenge, both on Nergui himself and on the nation that rejected him.

Praise for *The Shadow Walker* and *The Adversary*, the preceding books in the Nergui series:

'An intriguing police procedural ... a formidable sleuth ... a complex mystery'
– *The Daily Telegraph*

'Compulsive reading ... Richly enjoyable. I look forward to another bloodthirsty visit with Nergui' – *The Independent*

'Walters ably brings his uncommon setting to teeming life' – *The Guardian*

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