

The Borrowed  
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In *The Borrowed* we are brought forward through time via the many cases and significant moments in the career of Detective Kwan Chun-dok. Kwan's career spans many of the major upheavals of China's History and each case reflects the era and lifestyles forever changed by the turbulence as Kwan lives through the Leftist Riot in 1967 to the Massacre in Tiananmen Square in 1987. As Kwan is called upon to work a case involving a Hong Kong billionaire, the inner workings of the city are revealed including the violence and corruption of the multi levels of Hong Kong's ruling elite.

Kwan soon sees the circle of history repeating itself and the magnitude of how all events past and currently in the making are all interconnected, and weave together not only the Cities of China but great cities across the globe. Politics and rebellion play a key role in this story from Chan Ho-kei and reveal many truths in his country's history as well as how it connects to the rest of the world.