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"While the rest of the world is working, I'm walking."

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Amateur playwright, rambling philosopher and survivor of childhood brain injury — Michael Borowski is the dogwalker.

A remarkable cinéma-vérité portrait, **The Dogwalker** charts one man's hard-fought battle to reconstruct a shattered identity, while offering an engaging riff on Zen and the art of dogwalking.

"I'm the alpha," he says, leading the neighbourhood dogs into a leafy urban ravine. They wag their collective tail in agreement.

Injured at the age of 6, Michael endured decades of medical indifference and emotional abuse. But his pursuit of joy and

balance has paid off. At 47, he has found a community of friends, a rare sense of purpose and the healing company of happy dogs.

Join them on their path. Take a walk with the master.

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