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John M. Moody, author of futuristic adventures, romantic adventure, and mystery novels, has been writing in one form or another throughout most of his life. Born and raised in north Texas, Moody's interests include history, natural history (specifically paleontology), geography, weapon designs, antiques, and technological advancements throughout time, among other subjects. He often includes these interests as background for his novels.

John graduated from the University of Texas at Arlington with a BS in Geology. He worked in petroleum and geological service companies, ultimately rising to management positions. These jobs provided him with the opportunity to travel to many parts of the world, some of which he also incorporates into his novels.

John lived in Venezuela for sixteen years, later serving as Invited Professor and Honorary Curator of Paleontology for the biology museum of La Universidad del Zulia in Maracaibo (MBLUZ), positions he held for over ten years until his return to the US. During this time he collected fossils in remote and poorly explored regions of western Venezuela while instructing university students. As a result of these and other efforts, he discovered several new fossil species as well as other fossil plants and animals not previously known from the region. Moody also became the first person to recognize and collect fossils in a Venezuelan tar pit, and in doing so, he located one of the largest accumulations of Pleistocene fossils in South America. He has a species of Devonian fossil plant, *Anapaulia moodyi*, named in his honor.

His first three novels, the "post-post-apocalyptic, future history" works known as "The Mezet Trilogy," was first published in 2008 and republished as a second edition in 2016. The stand-alone books of this series are *Journey from Mezet*, *Second Book of Marc*, and *Marc's Final Journey*. His subsequent novels, described as romantic adventures and mysteries, include *Brass Puzzle*, *Searching for Jennifer*, *Return to Nowhere*, *Into the Center of the Shadow*, and *Many Shades of Green* (originally published between 2011 and 2013). His four, more-recent novels, published in 2015, are *Intersecting Destinies*, *Wherever the Wind will Take Us*, *Land on the Verge of Darkness*, and *Shards of Time*. These unique stories are often set in exciting locations and involve true-to-life emotions. He is presently working on two additional romantic adventures.

Moody has worked in various jobs at Grayson College since 2004, including as an adjunct professor, as a section leader for the Adult Education program, and as an instructor in both the Math Lab (pre-Math Hub), and in I-Lab (serving mainly INRW classes). He is presently an adjunct professor for INRW classes.