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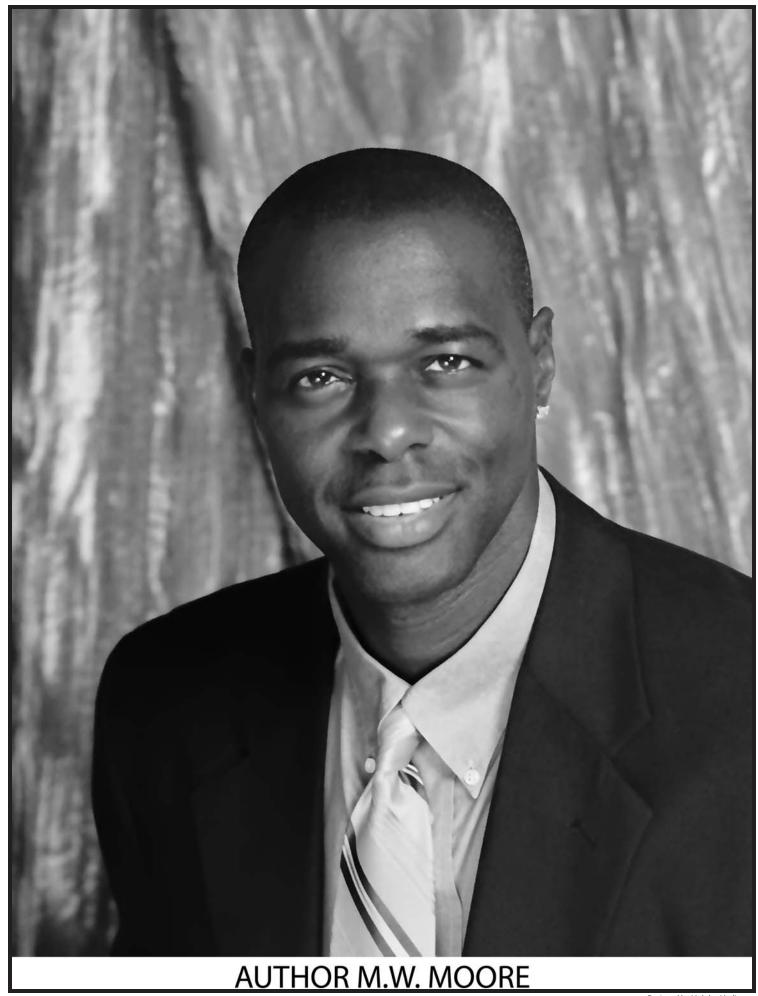
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# Biography of M. W. Moore



Novelist **M.W. Moore**, an NCAA track-and-field champion who captured the conscience of readers with the first installment of his extraordinary fact-based autobiography about a fallen star, rises again with the release of his newest novel, **Internal Chaos**, which shows him making the transition to prison after robbing six banks in the Houston area.

An indulgence into crime was an aberration for Moore, who grew up in a respectable middle-class Baptist family. As a former crack-cocaine user, sexual addict and model, he tells through his writings how his life was challenged behind bars and how his college education became inconsequential as a felon living alongside criminals of various backgrounds.

While his first book, **For What I Hate I Do**, explored the conflict in Moore's life, the recently released sequel, **Internal Chaos**, starts the redemptive journey toward conquest. But he discovers that prison can be life-threatening as he seeks his identity, confronts temptations and witnesses pandemonium.

Moore, who once competed against or shared the spotlight with legendary Olympians *Carl Lewis*, *Edwin Moses* and *Florence Griffith-Joyner*, speaks eloquently and courageously about the dark side of addictions and its consequences, including his HIV status.

Despite the risk of being ridiculed, rejected and vilified, Moore stands firm to his purpose: Tell all to help all. And he does so by removing the veil that often hides our deepest secrets. For him, honest exposure is the best testimony one can offer.

The last installment of the Moore's trilogy, **An About-Face**, will explore the final years of incarceration and, ultimately, freedom.

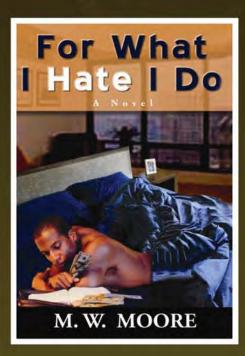
Besides being a successful writer, he is a manager in the oil and gas industry.

Moore, who attended West Texas State University and Mississippi State University, where he studied electrical engineering, is the third of five children. He is a native of Houston, Texas, where he still resides.



# For What I Hate I Do

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## **Synopsis**

Stark naked while high on crack cocaine, Miguel Morris is again mired in an environment of drugs and sex, this time a ménage à trois with a pair of "homo-thugs" with gold teeth.

After advised twice to move his car from the driveway, he dashes outside with a promise to return for more action.

As he pulls from the driveway, blue lights swirl, pounding feet rush toward him and .38 calibers are trained toward his head.

The police have snagged their prey.

Miguel's illicit activities hit local television and newspaper. He's a reckless "baller." He's also college-educated, a former model and track champion.

After his sixth bank robbery, a tip led law enforcement to this drug-infested neighborhood in the Third Ward of Houston, Texas.

Miguel's self-destructive path started at an earlier age. Unwilling to be outshined by his two brothers, who excelled in football and basketball, Miguel joins the track team. In pursuit of money and fame, he confronts realities about his low self-esteem and sexuality.

His strong attraction to men poisons his efforts to start meaningful heterosexual relationships. His first male sexual encounter in high school leaves him embarrassed. As he excels in NCAA track and field competitions toward Olympic dreams, he learns that college life in Texas and Mississippi is a hotbed for sexual dalliances.

Miguel meets or competes with legends such as Carl Lewis, Edwin Moses and Florence Griffith-Joyner. Along the way, he befriends those who inspire him or foster his hedonism.

His neighbor Curtis, a tennis athlete, introduces him to drugs. Patrick helps him become a sexual predator by using crack to entice addicts. Marriage to a rising track figure ends eight months later after his wife, seeking U.S. citizenship, busts his adulterous life. And employment fades quickly due to frequent drug binges.

Even when rescue stares him squarely in the face, he still isn't ready to abandon his scurrilous lifestyle. Clean-cut, attractive pharmacist Lazlo tries to edify Miguel, but he's rebuffed. Miguel later engages in exotic dancing and entertainment, including a regular sordid tryst with a wife and her husband, who plays for a proteam in Dallas.

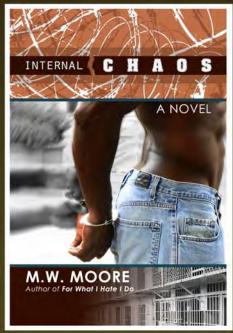
He cries out to God for help, but the sting of losing his grandmother to cancer and watching a sister battle multiple sclerosis leaves him depressed. And he's now HIV-positive.

Miguel's misery is underscored in Roman's paraphrased biblical verse "For What I Hate I Do," which means, "I really want to do what is right, but I don't do it. Instead, I do the very thing I hate."



# **Internal Chaos**

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## **Synopsis**

With the help of a gracious FBI agent, Miguel Morris accepts an irresistible plea deal after his confession to six bank robber-ies in the Houston area, but he learns life behind bars is a daily tempest marked by insolent penitentiary guards and delusional inmates.

But despite the chaos, the former NCAA track champion and professional model must adjust to prison because it'll be his home for the next 15 years, unless he's paroled before then.

His first year of confinement is like a mental torture chamber as he is robbed of dignity. His college education is now inconsequential. Among his distresses, the former crack cocaine addict is forced to confront his disdain for flamboyant gay men when one, Kiki, becomes his cellmate. Oddly, Kiki indoctrinates him to life behind bars – teaching him prison jargon and survival.

Although penitentiary starts out as a lonely place, Miguel's megawatt charisma – much more subdued in lockup – still works to his advantage as many secretly admire his sculpted 6-foot, 2-inch stacked athletic frame and dark-chocolate complexion. Along the way, he discovers that emotional attachments are practically non-existent. But when those occur, submissive individuals are treated as property, often with violent consequences.

Even Miguel, despite his usual machismo in prison, is hurt a couple times when his heart is left unpro-tected. He lets his guard down after meeting a quiet, attractive, vulnerable indigent inmate willing to woo anyone and do anything as long as the person is willing to provide commissary items. Internal chaos results because confinement leaves Miguel powerless to assist his mom's fight with breast cancer or help his best friend Lazlo, who's struggling with tough choices that threaten his sanity.

In an environment of "every man for himself," it's not unusual for inmates to know something about the other. Miguel discovers this because he must deflect rumors about his sexual preferences and his HIV status. He also must endure regular taunting from a malcontent power-hungry ranking correctional officer, Lieutenant RideOut, who patrols prison wings looking for contraband while keeping an eagle eye on Miguel – just waiting for him to screw up.

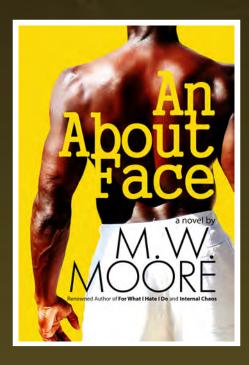
Miguel's misery intensifies further after being assigned to the back-breaking, Texas heat field labor of picking cotton and cabbage, a reminder of an era that hearkens back to slavery. He also spends weeks in segregation without privileges after being caught having sex in another inmate's cell.

But when he meets Judas, deception takes on an entirely new meaning. It's one of the darkest moments for Miguel as the forces of evil continue to lurk.



# **An About Face**

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## **Synopsis**

The final years of prison don't get any easier for former NCAA track athlete Miguel Morris as forces still try to derail his hopes for early freedom. He's still tested by guards, fellow inmates and the bruising sun as he slaves like a farmhand in the work fields. But now, he's trying to avoid similar mistakes due to unresolved sexual addictions.

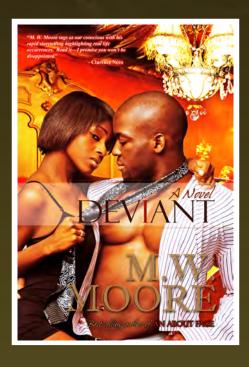
In March 2005, he's paroled and finds employment in less than a month. Ultimately, he hits pay dirt when an Internet design firm hires him as a technician despite a felony conviction for six Texas bank robberies. He later attempts a relationship with Jasmine, leaving behind wounded ex-lover and confidante Lazlo that causes embers to fly.

Notwithstanding financial success, he relearns the brutality of the free world when jealous colleagues Carlton and Eva hurl sexual innuendos and threaten him with blackmail, thus jeopardizing his attempt at love. In addition, a contemptible parole officer clamps down on his travels to promote his artwork, a therapeutic passion. Despite obstacles, Miguel is determined to live proudly and make *An About Face*.



# **Deviant**

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## **Synopsis**

At first glance it appears an environmental disaster will bring the Kings Heights neighbors closer together until greed settles in among neighbors, and a deep dark secret of a prominent neighbor is discovered and unveiled by long time neighbor Mrs. Hicks.

In the meantime at Digi-Tech Corp; in Uptown Houston, another dilemma is brewing. Ymando Hicks; the son of Mrs. Hicks, has stumbled upon a computer glitch that will raise suspicions among friends and colleagues.

Colleagues like Britney Murphy and Francel Cooper, a top executive, who seems to be on another escapade to rescue a man, until she meets her match -- the handsome, daring and bold yacht broker Garrett Solomon; Y'mando Hicks best friend and frat brother.

Yet, Francel's closest friend and co-worker, Britney Murphy is on a road well-traveled. She attempts to pull herself out of self-doubt and decide to open her heart once again at a chance to discover love.

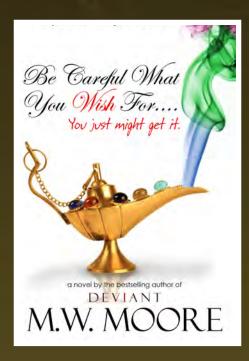
Even Y'mando's childhood buddy, Kindle Fisher, a medical intern who resides in the reputed Kings Heights neighborhood, finds himself entangled with same gender attractions and is caught in a web of family deceit and lies.

But when the unpredictable events related to environmental and corporate sabotage arise simultaneously within their circle and come crashing down full-force around all five individuals, only the strong-minded will be left standing. Relationships will be tested and severed. Who will be brave enough to step out on faith, complete a divine calling and carry out a daring appointed mission in order to dismantle the deviant behavior of a loved one?



# Be Careful What You Wish For

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## **Synopsis**

Preceding the end of a previous relationship gone sour with Ex Terrell Marshall, Jeremiah Johnson throws his dating hat back into the dating game arena. His desire to not give-up on love in the same-gender loving community was considered special by some, and yet rare for many. Still, nothing could fizzle out Jeremiah's desire at obtaining an emotional healthy relationship again as he once had with Terrell and his Ex-girlfriend, and now best friend Kelly Owen. Yes, Jeremiah once dated Kelly until the day she discovered the facts concerning Jeremiah's sexuality. But as time moved forward, so did the healing process for Jeremiah and Kelly. Forgiveness was a given. However, at the zenith of his career, Jeremiah meets the Man of his dreams; so at least he thought. Now, for the third time in recent years Jeremiah is at a crossroads, as dirty little secrets comes to surface. Shall he stay the course and wish for a better tomorrow or will he bail like a slave running for freedom and refuge?





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## It's time to give thanks and answers to readers

INEDALE All columnists get questions. Before we came up here to spend Thanksgiving in the country, I made a list of a few queries that have come in lately from the customers.

Q: How do you pronounce Winedale?

### A salute to hooters

Penguins are soooo yesterday. What's really cool right now is the owl. As a wise man once said, the owls are not what they seem. Check out a special Friday edition of TMi. PAGE E3



LEON HALE

A: Just as if it were two A separate words, wine and dale. This rural community got its name from the wine grapes grown in the area by settlers. Some readers, seeing the name in print, try to pronounce it Winny-dale.

When you visited that talking mule, you wrote that mules are hybrid animals and therefore sterile. At one time Texas A&M owned a female mule that had a foal. A: Yes. Most of the mule literature I've read says that mules are almost always sterile. Mare mules are known to produce foals but these cases

are rare and considered to be

genetic accidents.

Q: Where is your Old Friend Morgan buried? Is it A: I get this question every time I mention O.F. in the column, so I've answered it before. But one more time: Many years before his death

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#### BACK ON TRACK

YOUR FRIDAY HAIKU

is not something that you should end a sentence with.

■ A preposition



STEVE UECKERT : CHRONICLE

A NEW MAN: Born in Houston's Fourth Ward, Michael Wayne Moore grew up to be a star athlete in high school and college, one of the last people you'd expect to see arrested for a string of bank robberies. But that's exactly what happened when his life fell under the control of addictions to drugs and sex. Now a writer, the 47-year-old has changed his life for the better.

Novelist Michael W. Moore was a star athlete, crack addict and

bank robber. Now he's confronting his demons in a new book.

#### TELEVISION

# A few regrets but they don't pity the fools

TV watchdogs who've spun book off Web site show remorse over Crocodile Hunter

#### By ALAN SEPINWALL

"I think you can spell 'post-humously' without 'pity,' " in-sists Sarah Bunting. But it's close.

Bunting knows from pity — and, more importantly, the lack thereof. Bunting is co-founder of TelevisionWithoutPity.com, one of the most indispensable – and certainly the funniest – TV resources on the Web, home of scathing recaps of dozens of shows both good (Deadwood) and bad (Big Brother). But in eight years of merciless digs at actors, writers and reality TV "personalities," Bunting says she rarely will reread a comment that she wrote or edited and think, "That was too much."

Then came Steve Irwin. On page 128 of the new book, Television Without Pity: 752 Things We Love to Hate (And Hate to Love) About TV, which she wrote with TWoP co-founder Tara Ariano, the entry on the late Crocodile Hunter host included such passages as "Though he comes across as "Though he comes across as your standard braying Aussie loon, Steve Irwin is apparently a qualified zoologist" and "he takes very stupid risks in the name of documentary television," not to mention an assess
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#### By ANDREW GUY JR.

For What

MOORE

N his wallet is a list he keeps with him at all times, The Things I Hate to Do! (Top 10), with several of the items crossed out:

- 1) Sleep w/prostitutes (crossed out)
- 2) Criticize others (crossed out)
- 3) Lieing (SIC) to self (crossed out)
- 4) Waste time/procrastination
- 5) Exploit people/use them (crossed out)
- 6) Cheat God/deny his power (crossed out)
- 7) Wasting money (crossed out)
- 8) Making promises I won't keep
- 9) Grieving the spirit
- 10) Eating unhealthy

Michael Wayne Moore still puts things off, defines "grieving the spirit" as not listening to that nagging inner voice, still struggles with eating right. Perfect he is

not.
The 47-year-old has the air of a preacher: 6 feet 2 inches, 205 pounds, calm and controlled, the confidence of a man comfortable at the center of attention. His body is sculpted — athletics and prison will do that — and he takes as much pride in his appearance as he does in his message, rarely seen in anything less than perfectly pressed slacks and a nice button-front

At this moment he is facing a group of around 40 black men at G's and Z's Coffee Shop in the Third Ward. It's a book club for gay black men, and he was invited to talk about his demons, specifically his journey from track star to college student to drug addict to bank robber to prison inmate to a Please see MOORE, Page E7

MUSIC

# MOORE: From the top to bottom and back again

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free man trying to make

His novel For What I Hate I Do (available at Amazon.com) is like many first fictions: highly autobiographical and, at times, sprinkled with clichés and

clunky prose. But the structure of the book is almost irrelevant. Moore has opened the door to issues taboo in the African-American community: sexuality, drug use, the down-low culture.

"We need to start facing our fears," Moore said. "If we con-tinue to ignore the things that we struggle with, that's when we start to medicate ourselves with drugs and alcohol and sex. That leads to a lot of destructive

These issues are not new, nor is this the first time they've been explored in print. Houston writer E. Lynn Harris has a se-ries of novels about bisexuality in the black community. But where Harris' books are melodramatic in plot and flowery in prose, Moore's book is gritty, often detailing sexual acts and

A lot of people like Harris books, but frankly they're a bit too pretty for me," Moore tells the crowd. "I don't think he goes into details about what it's really like dealing with a lot of issues. I wanted to write something that was realistic and told

#### Where did he go?

Truth is, the first time he robbed a bank he drove a rental car. His gut was twisting, and his hands were sweaty. drove down Westheimer to rob a Starbucks but changed his mind because he was a part-time assistant manager at another Starbucks. He was afraid the police would be able to trace the crime back to him. This was 1997.

Instead of robbing Star-bucks, he had coffee and contemplated the next step. He should rob a bank; it would have more money.

Down the street was a Ran-dalls grocery store. Inside was a

Wells Fargo.

Driving down Westheimer planning his first heist, he wondered what had happened to the man he used to be: high school athlete, lady's man, NCAA track star. He was an alpha male, wasn't he?

Truth is, he had become a crack addict who solicited male prostitutes during his lunch breaks. A man carrying old pay stubs with *This is a robbery* scribbled on the back.

He drove to Randalls and sat in the parking lot. After a few minutes he went inside.

#### The serial bank robber

Born in Houston's Fourth Ward, his family eventually moved to South Park, near MLK Boulevard. His parents, Jessie and Ardell, raised five kids. At Sterling High School, he reveled in the glory of track and the en-

ergy of cheering crowds.

He also ran track at West
Texas State University (now West Texas A&M University). His good looks brought him modeling jobs. But he was soon confronted with an old issue he thought he left behind: He was attracted to both men and

He transferred to Mississippi State University, seeking a stronger track and field program and a change of scenery.

Scholarship money ran out his senior year, and he dropped out. He returned to Houston and a series of jobs: assistant manager at fast-food restaucustomer-service representative for various compa-

Confident he could still make qualifying trials for the 1988 Summer Olympic Games in Seoul, South Korea, he continued to train.

He didn't make the trials. Later that year, his father died.

"Those two things really did it for me," Moore said. "I couldn't handle not making the Olympics. And then the situa-tion with my dad. I just blocked it out when he passed. I think I cried 10 years after he died. I just couldn't believe he was gone, you know? It was hard for me to deal with it . .

He self-medicated with sex and drugs and soon was addicted to both. He ignored the risks of this lifestyle and, in 1990, HIV became part of his world.

"I didn't cry about it," he said of his diagnosis. "I didn't connect with it because I didn't

work as a model

Michael?

those banks.

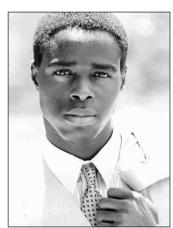
her resources were limited.

was caught after a bank

want to admit it."

But he was a wreck, and something had to give. The rent was due. His car note was in default. His credit cards were

In all, he robbed six banks.



A MODEL YOUNG MAN: As a college student, Michael Wayne Moore's good looks landed him

West Transfer Unit in Beeville.

#### Finding himself

Finger-snapping gay men, quick with a sharp tongue and dressed as if going clubbing, had always annoyed him. He never identified with

that image and was "always absolutely terrified" of drag queens. He didn't act gay. So, he told him-

self, he wasn't.

But six years in prison taught him a few things. His early cellmates early effeminate were gay men who were intelligent, downto-earth guys.
They became his confidants.
He kept a jour-

nal. He prayed. He wrote letters, ask-ing those he hurt for understanding and forgiveness.

Terry Jackson, 34, who lives in Houston and was an inmate with Moore, recalled that when they met, Moore kept to himself, but the two eventually be-

"There's a lot of things in prison that can really make you unfocused," said Jackson, who was released last year after ing 11 years for armed robbery. "Everybody is trying to uphold their manhood and show how tough they are."

Moore and Jackson bonded

over discussions about their past failures and future plans.

"We looked at all the mis-takes we both made and the people we both hurt," Jackson said. "I was young at the time (of the robberies), and I wasn't thinking about all the people I hurt when I was doing it. But I hurt a lot of people. Michael did, too, and I think he was trying to deal with that."

He spent his time in prison reading and thinking. His favor-ite writers included Walter Mosley, John Grisham, Nikki Giovanni, Maya Angelou and Sigmund Freud.

The founder of psychoanaly-sis is known for his theories on identity and repression, arguing that human beings do not have immediate access to their inner selves and instead have a subconscious that's sometimes uncontrollable

"I wanted to learn about human behavior," he said. "I wanted to know about my behavior, why I did the things that

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-MICHAEL WAYNE MOORE

I did even though I knew they

#### His own future

He was released from prison in 2004. He landed a job at an energy company and later signed on as an electrician's apprentice at an electrical contracting company.

He plans to keep writing and wants to work on community development and revitalization projects in southeast Houston.

"I had to go through a lot of things," Moore said. "I was in denial about a lot of things and just want people to learn from my mistakes and not go through what I went through. I'm still living with my mistakes."

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Living the life of a superstar athlete suddenly comes to a halt. All your athletic efforts are now tarnished by this dark cloud that dubs you as an offender of the state.

It does not matter anymore that you once competed with the best in track and field -- legends like Carl Lewis, Edwin Moses and many others who are enjoying the fruits of their labor.

All you can see is a six by nine cell engulfing you in its confinement and stench.

In 1997, I found myself on the wrong side of the law like so many other athletes before and after me who thought invincibility was a rite of passage.

I was cornered late that December night by a band of F.B.I. agents who raided a Houston crack house after being tipped off that I was the suspect they were looking for. After being booked on suspicion of felony bank robbery, I ultimately confessed to the errors of my ways and served six and a half years in a hot Texas prison until I surrendered to the terror of my actions.

The craziness of it all is that many athletes share these common denominators -- drugs, sex and irresponsibility.

The stories of Tim Montgomery, Marion Jones, Barry Bonds, Michael Vick, OJ Simpson, and mine are not exclusive but common in the athletic world. Many, like me are placed in this box of unrealistic expectations and we adopt a Superman attitude not realizing that man cannot fly without help from a source of some kind.

It is difficult breaking that mindset until tragedy takes its toll. By then it's too late. The damage has been done and the course is set on destruction mode.

Many are baffled when they attempt to conceive the reasoning behind our actions. Is it arrogance? Some may think so, but I beg to differ.

Truth is, many athletes are not connected with the rest of the world. In most cases we are pressured to do better than most and adopt a thinking error. Thinking we are 'better-than', even though we are all from the same cloth.

Yes, we are cut from the same cloth of the human race, yet we still believe, wrongly, that we are totally different.

M.W. Moore is a former NCAA track champion and author of two books, For What I Hate I Do and Internal Chaos.

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