

## ABOUT THE AUTHORS

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**Dr. DONALD R. BURLESON** served as Professor of Mathematics at Rivier College from 1981 to 1996 and also taught courses in fiction writing in the English Department and courses in applied statistics in the MBA program. In 1996 he and his wife Mollie moved to Roswell, New Mexico, where Dr. Burleson served as director of one of the computer labs at Eastern New Mexico University at Roswell and then transferred to the Mathematics Department before retiring in 2007. He is the author of twenty-two books, over a hundred short stories, and numerous journal articles.

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