

## The *Ambition & Destiny* Newsletter

You are receiving this email following your interest in *Condemned by Fate*,  
(the prequel to The *Ambition & Destiny* Series)

Hi there!

I hope you had a good summer. I've continued to be busy, and have a few things to share with you:

- Less Than Equals now available in paperback
- Part 3 of The *Ambition & Destiny* Series - Title and Cover Reveal
- New Posts this month
- Fact or Fiction. From *Condemned by Fate*: Was Charles really imprisoned for stealing some ham and cheese?

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### ***Less Than Equals*** **Now available in paperback!**

For those of you who prefer the feel of a real book over a Kindle, *Less Than Equals* is now available in paperback on Amazon.

[Click here](#) to get your copy.

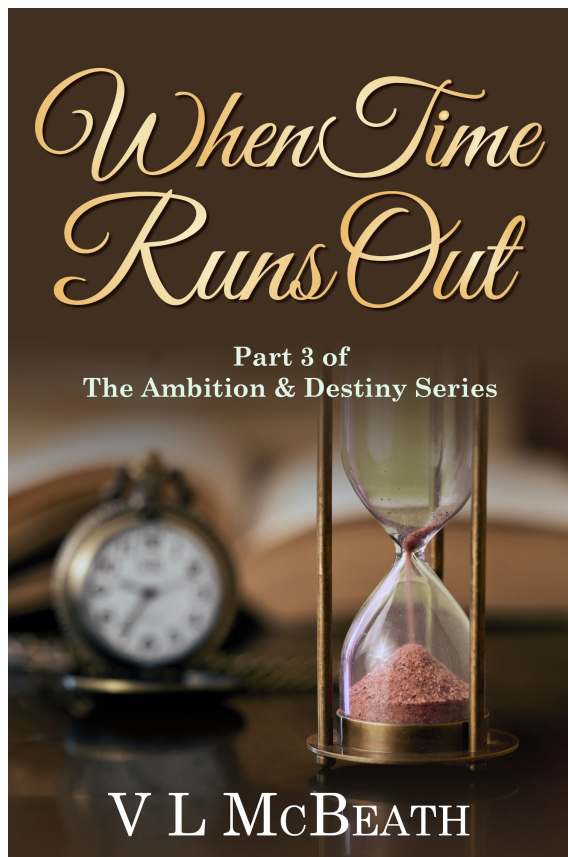
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### **Part 3 of The *Ambition & Destiny* Series** **Title and Cover Reveal**

With *Less Than Equals* now in the big wide world; it's time to look forward to Part 3 of the series:

***When Time Runs Out.***



It starts where *Less Than Equals* ends, with Mr Wetherby and William looking for Mary ... but does she want to be found?

It runs from 1876 to 1885 and covers some major events in the life of the family.

A draft copy of the manuscript is now back from the editor and I hope to have the changes made and a second round of editing completed by end October.

I'll keep you updated about how I get on!

## New Posts This Month



### Victorian Era Lunatic Asylums

To tie in with the launch of *Less Than Equals*, a new post on my website looks at the role of Lunatic Asylums in Victorian Era England. They were intended to be places of respite for the mentally ill, but often were little more than prisons disguised as hospitals. [Click here](#) to learn more.

### Sally's Cafe and Bookstore

New on the shelves: *Condemned by Fate*.  
The *Ambition & Destiny* Series by VL McBeath

Sally's website is a virtual Bookstore which now has over 200 authors and around 650 books on the shelves with links to retailers. It includes reviews and author interviews and is a site to pass the time while you sit back with your favourite drink!

I'm delighted that The *Ambition & Destiny* Series is now part of the bookstore.

[Click here](#) to read more.

## Fact or Fiction:

The *Ambition & Destiny* Series was inspired by a true story, and over the last few months, readers have

asked whether certain storylines are based on real life events.

If you have a question please let me know by replying to this email.

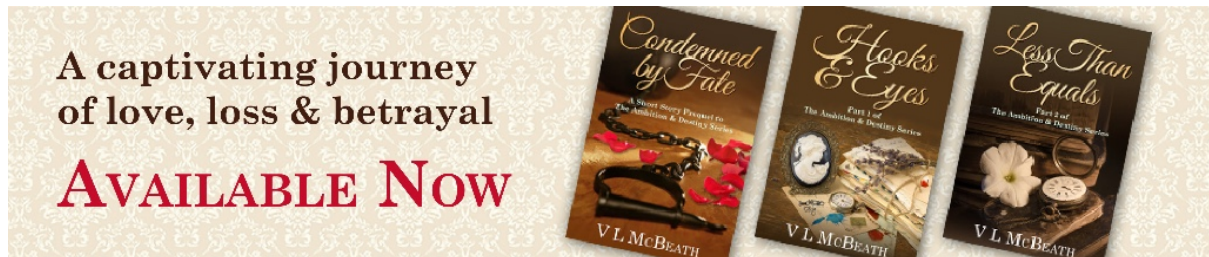
**Fact or Fiction: Was Charles really imprisoned for stealing some ham and cheese?**

The short answer to this was yes! During the Victorian Era, even the pettiest of crimes (such as stealing a handkerchief) carried severe penalties. The details of Charles' imprisonment and court hearing were taken from a short newspaper article I found from 1840. In those times, the penalty for such a crime was likely to be transportation to Australia. Fortunately, things didn't go that far, otherwise I wouldn't be here to write about their story today!

**Next month:** From *Condemned by Fate*: Was Mary really banished from her family?

**Thank you** for your continuing support for The *Ambition & Destiny* Series.

For further details about any of the books, [click here](#).



If you know of anyone else who would be interested in the books, please ask them to visit [valmcbeath.com](http://valmcbeath.com) and sign up for the newsletter.

See you again next month

Best wishes

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