

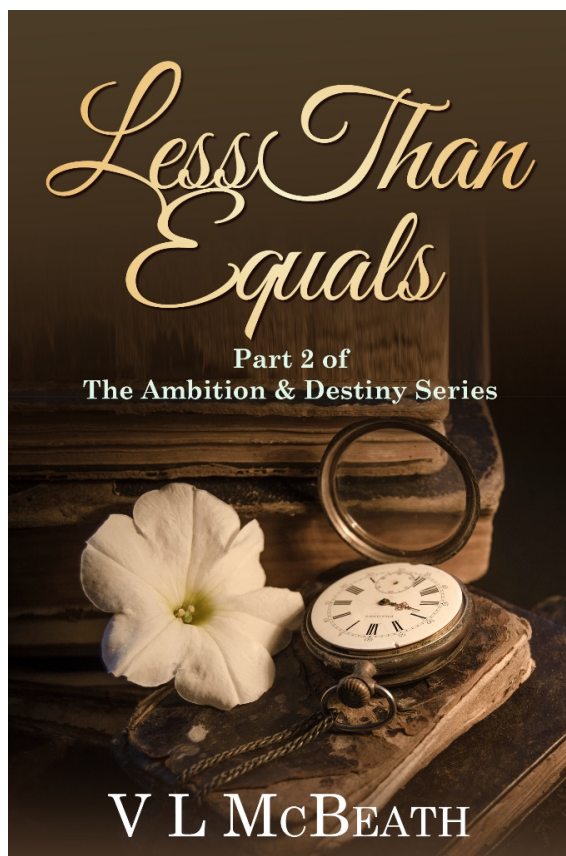
The *Ambition & Destiny* Newsletter

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

Hi there!

It's a busy newsletter this month, so hopefully, there'll be something for everyone:

- New Book Update: *Less Than Equals*
- Join the Advanced Review Team
- *Condemned by Fate*: Paperback
- Free and special offer books for June
- Self-Publishing Spotlight
- Deleted Scenes from *Hooks & Eyes*: Aunt Lucy



***Less Than Equals:* Coming Soon!**

I am delighted to say that the final manuscript for *Less Than Equals: Part 2* of The *Ambition & Destiny* Series, has been sent for proofreading this week. I will be putting it up for pre-order in the next week and expect it to be available in early July. To receive details of the pre-order or publication date, go to my [Amazon Author Page](#) and click FOLLOW.

Less Than Equals continues where *Hooks & Eyes* finishes. Mary and Mr Wetherby are still a big part of the story, but the focus shifts to William and the life he moves to.

It also introduces a major new character, Harriet. She is not your typical Victorian woman and I hope she resonates with readers as much as she does with me. I will include a profile

of her in next month's newsletter, but for now, this is a taster of what to expect:

When you speak, but no one listens

When feisty, headstrong Harriet Jackson upsets her uncle, her punishment is severe. Now, with her freedom denied, Harriet must endure a self-imposed exile to make those around her understand she will go to any lengths to take control of her own life.

Join the Advanced Review Team for *Less Than Equals*

I'm now looking for people who would like to receive an advanced copy of *Less Than Equals* in exchange for an honest review at the time of publication.

Ideally, I'm looking for people who've read *Hooks & Eyes* and left a review on Amazon.

If you are interested please contact me by replying to this email.

If you haven't yet posted a review of *Hooks & Eyes*, it's not too late to get involved. Just follow the link to [my Amazon page](#), click the book, post your review and let me know.

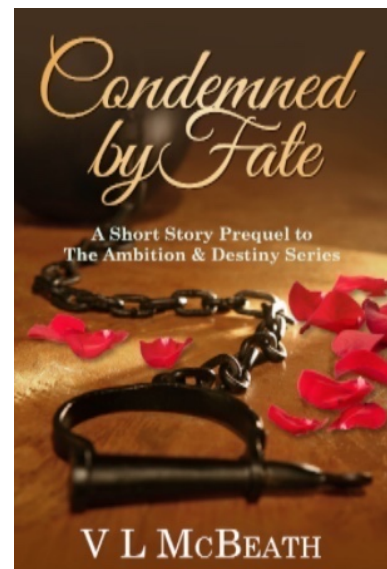
I will then add you to the team.

I look forward to hearing from you!

***Condemned by Fate:* Now available in Paperback!**

With it only being a short story, I didn't originally plan a paperback of *Condemned by Fate*. I now realise, however, that many readers still prefer 'real' copies of books and so the paperback is [now available for pre-order](#).

All books ordered this week should be shipped on or close to Monday 5th June. If the Amazon page states it could take weeks for delivery, please ignore them! From experience with *Hooks & Eyes*, delivery of pre-ordered books was typically within a week.



A Gold Quality Award for *Condemned by Fate*

As with *Hooks & Eyes*, I am delighted that *Condemned by Fate* has now been awarded a Gold Quality Mark by the reviewers at *BooksGoSocial*!

Free and Special Offer Books for June



Historical Fiction Group Giveaway

1st to 5th June

A new selection of fifteen books is available for FREE download until Monday 5th June.

[Click here](http://bookdeals.today/) and choose your favourites today.



The Best of British Giveaway from 12th to 18th June

Advanced notice! From 12th June, you can check out a great selection of [FREE books](#) from British & Irish

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Set the date in your diary!



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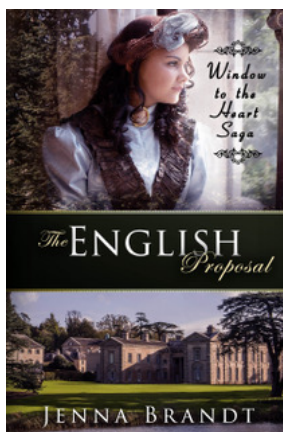
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Mega Multi-Genre Cross Promotion

Due to high levels of interest, the closing date to WIN a HUGE bundle of books has been extended to **9th June**. If you haven't yet entered, now's your chance: [Click here to enter](#)

The Grand Prize Winner gets one of every book in the event (Over 180 titles)!

Self-Publishing Spotlight:



The English Proposal by Jenna Brandt

Sheltered on her family's country estate, Lady Margaret, the daughter of an English Earl, is betrothed due to a family promise. Although Henry, the Viscount Rolantry, has been her best friend since childhood and she is expected to marry him, she never felt butterflies until she meets the Duke of Witherton. Against her father's wishes, Margaret finds herself captivated by the forbidden duke.

Caught between family loyalty and her own wishes, Margaret searches for a way to satisfy both her responsibilities and her longings. When tragedy strikes, Margaret finds herself seeking answers at church. But when she finally makes her choice, through her newfound faith, will she be able to live with the repercussions of her decision? [Click here for your](#)

Ancient Matriarchs Book 1:

Eve, First Matriarch by Angelique Conger

Little is known about our first mother, Eve. Her story in Genesis consists of a few short sentences. In this series, the women who married the earliest matriarchs tell their stories.



Eve is a mother to us all. Here is her story of longing, anguish, and hope...

Eve wants nothing more than to fulfill God's two commandments: live in absolute obedience and replenish the earth with her children. But the power of the Destroyer is strong, and when she's told she has a chance to fulfill the second commandment by breaking the first... she takes it.

Expelled from a garden paradise into a wild, dangerous world, Eve learns that her failure to obey will someday cause her to die. With a limited time to teach Jehovah's commandments to her children, she's devastated when the Destroyer starts to lead them astray. Can Eve overcome evil to teach her children obedience and happiness?

Eve: First Matriarch is a reimagined story of the biblical figure of Eve. If you like rich historical fiction, feminine perspectives, and illuminating stories of motherhood, then you'll love Angelique Conger's debut novel. Available on [Amazon](#) and FREE on Kindle Unlimited.

A free Micro Story, *Avenging Angel*, is available, telling a story that happened later in Eve's life. It can be downloaded [here](#).

Deleted Scenes from Hooks & Eyes: Aunt Lucy waits for Mary

In the Victorian Era, when women were left as widows, they had few options. There were laws designed to keep them from the workhouse, but the lucky ones either re-married or were taken in by family or friends. In *Hooks & Eyes*, Mary moves to Birmingham to live with an aunt of her late husband, Aunt Lucy. The scene attached is a simple dialogue between Aunt Lucy and her sister Rebecca as they wait for Mary to arrive. I later decided we didn't need to hear Aunt Lucy's point of view, and that I needed to strengthen the storyline, hence the scene was deleted.

[Click here for further details.](#)

If you know of anyone else who would be interested in the books, please ask them to visit valmcbeath.com and sign up for the newsletter.

See you again next month

Best wishes

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