

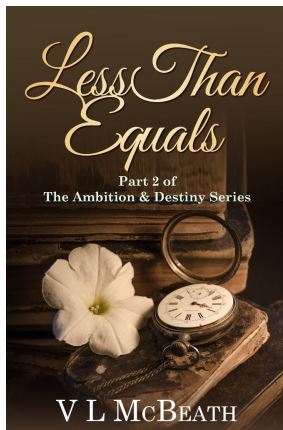
## The *Ambition & Destiny* Newsletter

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

Hi there!

In this months newsletter:

- *Less Than Equals* Thank You!
- Self-Publishing Spotlight
- Fact or Fiction
- Recent blog post



### **Thank You!**

It's only just over two weeks since the ebook of [Less Than Equals](#) was published, but I'm delighted with the reaction. Sales took off well and I've also seen a pick up in sales of [Hooks and Eyes](#) and [Condemned by Fate](#).

If you are someone who bought copies of one or more of the books, **THANK YOU**. It means a lot.

I've also had some lovely reviews across the Amazon US, UK and Goodreads sites.

Examples include:

- Five stars: This is a wonderful book
- Can't wait for the rest of this series!
- I'm sure others would enjoy this book too
- I truly enjoyed this story and am excited for the next part!

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### **Would you like to leave a review but don't know where to start?**

I can sympathise! Not only is it hard to find the time, *but what do you write?*

I came across a post the other day that gave a suggested flow:

- Did you like the book? (eg. *I loved this book*)

- List one thing you liked (eg. *I really felt for character X, or The book had me on the edge of my seat.*)
- Would you recommend this book (eg. *I would recommend this book to others who ...*)

Reviews don't need to be long, but if you have anything nice to say, they can really put a smile on an author's face! If you'd like to make me smile, you can [leave a review here](#). 😊

**Thank you!**

### ***Self-Publishing Spotlight:***

This month's spotlight focuses on a book that has many similarities to *Hooks & Eyes*. The author's story is also based on her family's history and includes the events that lead to a young woman leaving her home in Jamaica in search of a new life in 1960s London. The ebook is currently free on Amazon.



### **Long Time Walk On Water (Vol.1)**

[Get the Kindle Edition FREE](#)

A black woman and single mum, starting over. A white man who wants something more. Will they take a chance on each other? Everything gonna be alright?

London, 1960. Rose is looking for a new start. Thousands of miles away from her Caribbean home, she scrapes together money to send for her children while adjusting to a strange, new world.

Jack's life is full of disillusionment. He cares little for his council flat, his town, or even his wife. The only thing that gives his life sparkle? His Jamaican friends down at the docks.

When Jack meets Rose at a bus stop, a new and unexpected future unfolds...

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### ***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. To address the questions, I'm going to start a Fact or Fiction slot.

## General Principles:

Before I get into the specifics of the books, I thought I'd cover some of the overarching principles:

1. All major characters in the books are based on real people.
2. All births, deaths, and marriages are true, in terms of dates, places, and for deaths, the cause of death.
3. Although the names of streets have sometimes been changed (to help keep the anonymity of the real people), the locations of the story are in the right geographical area and use real street names.
4. I have included mention of major historical events (such as the death of Prince Albert, or the Great Exhibition), and tried to represent them in ways that would relate to the family at the time of the story.

Have you wondered whether certain parts of the books are true?

If so, reply to this email and let me know.

I'll address them in future newsletters.

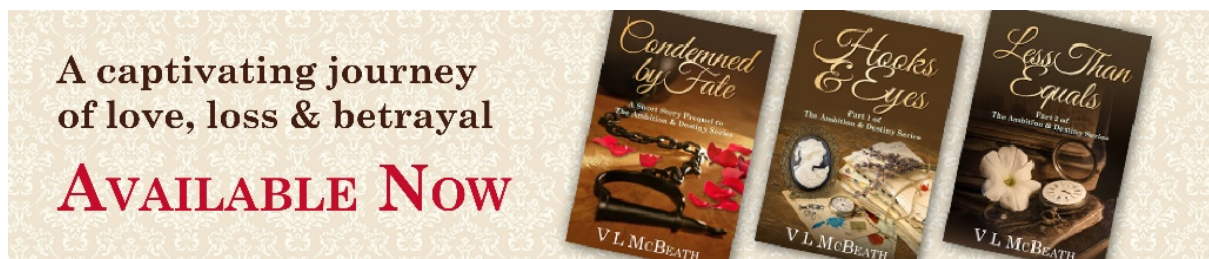
**Next month:** From *Condemned by Fate*: Was Charles really imprisoned for stealing some ham and cheese?

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## Latest Blog Post:

To support the launch of *Less Than Equals*, I wrote a blog post touching on some of the aspects of Harriet's story. You can read it [here](#).

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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