



The *Ambition & Destiny* Newsletter

The *Ambition & Destiny* Series of books was inspired by Family History research.

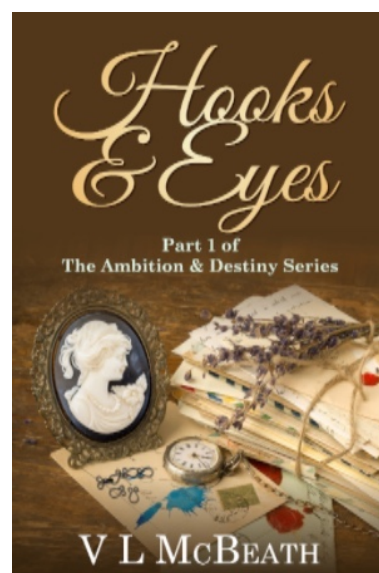
It is a family saga of love, loss and betrayal set against the backdrop of Victorian England.

The start of the New Year has brought a lot of activity, not only in terms of writing and editing, but also in terms of spreading the word about when and where the books are / will be available. As part of that effort, at the end of this newsletter there's a chance to **WIN a bundle of historical fiction books.**

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Hooks & Eyes

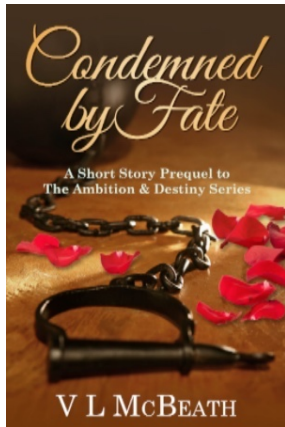
As many of you know, I have spent a lot of time recently making changes to the manuscript for *Hooks & Eyes*, book 1 of the series. I sent it to a second editor at the beginning of January and am pleased to say, now I have it back, that it looks like I'm making good progress. I still need to make the suggested changes and then get one or two people to read it through for consistency. Once that's done, I'll get it proofread and ready to launch. Assuming I don't hit any major issues, I hope to publish it in March!



Reviewers Needed

As part of the build up to the launch, I would love to hear from any readers willing to read the book ahead of publication and post a review on Amazon when it goes 'live'. I will send reviewers a free pdf copy of the book about two weeks before publication day, probably around the time I make it available for pre-order. If you think you would be interested,

please reply to this email and I'll be in touch separately. A link to the book description is [here](#). Thanks!



Condemned by Fate

Have you read *Condemned by Fate* yet? If you have, would you consider posting a review?

Any endorsement, however small, would be very welcome.

Click here to link to the appropriate [Amazon page](#).

All Change for Book 2

While *Hooks & Eyes* was with the editor, I went back to work on book 2. Ever since I finished the first draft I've known it was too long. My original plan was to edit it down to a more manageable length. Over the last month, however, I've realised that isn't going to be possible. As a result, I've made a decision. Book 2 is being split in half. I haven't come up with a title for the new book 2 yet, but the new book 3 will keep the original book 2 title: *When Time Runs Out*. I hope that's not too confusing!

Competition Time

As something new this month, I've teamed up with a group of authors to offer a chance to **Win a bundle of Historical Fiction novels**. The competition runs from today (1st February) to Tuesday 7th of February and 3 winners will receive a bundle of 7 books.

Sorry - Competition now ended



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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