

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!

Thank you for joining me. In this months newsletter:

- The *Ambition & Destiny* Series: Update
- Self-Publishing Spotlight
- Fact or Fiction. From *Hooks & Eyes*: Is it true that Mr Wetherby manufactured Hooks & Eyes?

The *Ambition & Destiny* Series: Update



Thank you to everyone who took advantage of the release of *When Time Runs Out* to get copies of some (or all) of the books available to date.

I am delighted that as a result of the 'sale' and other activities, all three books in the series reached the top 20 in the US in two categories: '*British & Irish - Literature*' & '*British - Historical*'. In addition, *Condemned by Fate* reached number 3 in the '*British - Short Stories*' category.

Thank you for your help!

I couldn't have done it without you.

Reviews Anyone?

Can help me out? Despite seeing a good number of sales, the number of reviews has remained stubbornly flat.

If you've read any of the books, I'd be grateful if you could help by leaving a review. They don't have to be fancy, just one or two sentences, stating whether you enjoyed the book and possibly giving a reason why. They really do make a huge difference. If you'd like to help, please click on the links below, go to the relevant book(s) and then click on Write a Customer Review

US: [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com)

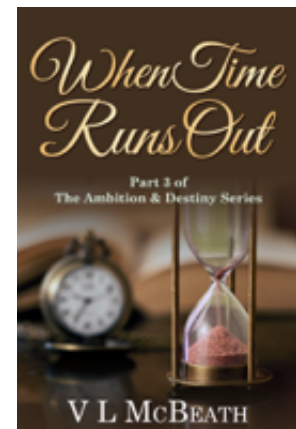
UK: [Amazon.co.uk](https://www.amazon.co.uk)

Thanks in advance 😊

When Time Runs Out: Paperback

I know many of you prefer paperback versions of books and I am hoping to have the print version of *When Time Runs Out* available on Amazon before Christmas.

It is currently being formatted and as soon as I've approved the proof copy, I'll load it onto the site. I'll send out a quick email once it goes live.



Self-Publishing Spotlight



Another recently published book is:

THE GREAT CELT

Book II of THE RAINEY CHRONICLES

Muscovy 1460. After years of combat, veteran mercenary Connor Rainey heads into the Land of the Rus in search of a peaceful new home. What he finds is anything but peaceful.

In the dark world of early Russia, Ivan III sets in motion a plan for uniting the fractured lands into a powerful new nation. But he is surrounded by enemies, both outside his lands and in his own court. When Connor Rainey arrives with knowledge of new weapons and

the politics of Muscovy's enemies to the west, he is rewarded with the lands of a boyar whose attempt to assassinate Ivan was foiled by Rainey. And with the lands comes the boyar's fiery daughter, Ludmilla, who is unwilling to surrender her birthright to anyone.

Spanning 25 years, *The Great Celt* weaves a story of love, intrigue and power leading to the formation of Russia as a nation and the transformation of the Grand Prince of Muscovy to Tsar of All the Russias.

The Great Celt is available on Amazon by [clicking here](#) and FREE from Kindle Unlimited.

Fact or Fiction:

The *Ambition & Destiny* Series was inspired by a true story, and readers often ask whether certain storylines are based on real-life events.

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

From *Hooks & Eyes*:

Is it true that Mr Wetherby manufactured Hooks & Eyes?

He did!

Depending on how far you've got through the series, you're likely to have differing views of Mr Wetherby. From my research, however, one thing seems clear. He was a very dedicated and determined man.

I found an old newspaper clipping that gave an insight into the sort of man he was. He started life in the South West of England (near Gloucester) but apparently, when he was in his early twenties he *walked* to Birmingham, which was over 60 miles away as he didn't have any money to pay for transport.

Once there he started making the hooks and eyes fasteners we are still familiar with today.

At one point he was one of the largest manufacturers of them in Birmingham (which probably also means the UK). I have heard reports that he invented them although I am yet to confirm that.

He subsequently branched out into buttons and the manufacture of brass ornaments, but he never left hooks & eyes. When he died, many years later, he was a very wealthy man.

Next month: From *Hooks & Eyes*: Did they really drink so much gin!

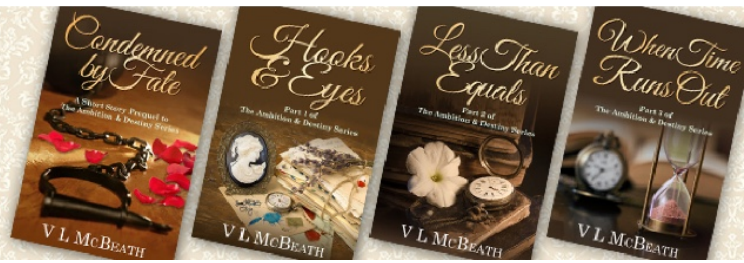
Thank you for your continuing support.

I hope you all have a Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

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

A captivating journey
of love, loss & betrayal

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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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