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Hi there!

I'm not sure where the weeks are disappearing to at the moment, but after a lot of work, I've a few things to report:

- A New Privacy Policy
- The Paperback for Part 4: *Only One Winner*
- Part 5: Now has a title!
- Fact or Fiction: Did William really have learning difficulties?

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## A New Privacy Policy

If you're based in the EU (and possibly if you're further afield) I'm sure you've come across the new data protection regulations (GDPR) that will be coming into force on 25th May.

As part of the process, I have reviewed and revised my [privacy policy](#).

Most of it relates to the use of my website, but there is a section relevant to everyone who receives these emails.

A full copy of the policy can be found [here](#), but in summary:

- I take a proactive approach to user privacy and ensure the necessary steps are taken to protect the privacy of anyone on my mailing list or who visits my website.
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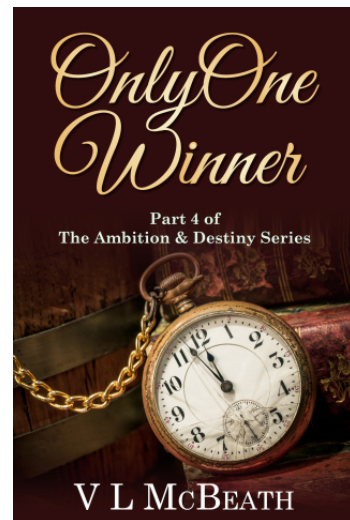
## The Paperback for Part 4: Only One Winner

With the legal stuff up to date, I'm delighted to say that the paperback for *Only One Winner* is almost ready to go. 😊

All the formatting's been done and I've ordered my proof copy. The plan is to have it available to buy from Wednesday 30th May (Amazon and other retailers permitting!)

I'll give you a reminder nearer the time.

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## Part 5: Now has a Title!

I managed to get the manuscript for Part 5 to my editor at the end of last month and should get it back in the next week or two. It's only once I see her comments that I'll know for sure how long the changes will take. At the moment, I'm still aiming for a July publication for the ebook.

In the meantime, I'm working on a cover (always the hardest part in my opinion) and have decided on the title:

### ***Different World***

After all the upheaval and upset of *Only One Winner*, I think it reflects the storyline as William-Wetherby leaves Birmingham and heads to Liverpool ... although it isn't just the location that's different. There's a sneak preview of the book description on [my website](#) if you'd like to take a look.

I hope to be able to give you more news next month.

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## 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.

### Did William really have learning difficulties?

I've no idea!

As with a lot of the subplots in these books, I can't say for certain whether he did or not, but as I was pulling the story together, it seemed to explain some of the things that happened.

That particular part of the storyline was made up, but even if he did, I wonder whether he would have ever been diagnosed? Even today, children with dyslexia, and more so, those with dyscalculia, struggle to get a firm diagnosis. I imagine back then, they would have either suffered in silence or faced a lot of ridicule from people who thought they were imbeciles. It was a cruel world in the 1800s.

**Next month:** I'm going to have a change next month. It's getting harder to talk about the facts, without giving away spoilers and so I'll have a think and see what I come up with!

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Best wishes

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