

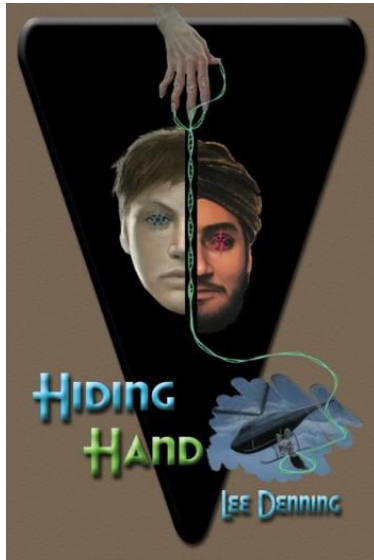
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## *Hiding Hand: A Different Kind of Sci-Fan Novel*

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WEST HARTFORD, CT / LONG BEACH, CA, October 2008. A cross-country collaboration of father and daughter over the past few years has produced an intriguingly different fiction/fantasy trilogy. *Hiding Hand* is the second book; *Monkey Trap* was the first.



In *Hiding Hand*, the boy Joshua comes of age in a blistering conflict between the love of power and the power of love... and must confront his own dark side as human evolution explodes around him. This story continues the trilogy's intricate psychodrama, intertwining science, mysticism and suspense.

When his parents are disabled and his uncle is killed, Joshua becomes the sole protector of his baby sister Eva. She is the first *Nova sapiens* -- a potential Messiah for a troubled humanity. But she is kidnapped by a psychopath masquerading as a pious Muslim cleric; he wants Eva's power for himself. Joshua gives chase, in the process accidentally rescuing a mysterious young Muslim woman, Elia. They fall in love, a thing forbidden to her and unwise for him. Elia helps him on his mission, using her strange rapport with an ancient arcane Sisterhood to harness the psychic forces building in the world. But the cleric has overwhelming resources, including a quantum machine that can

degrade that part of the brain dealing with moral balance; he uses the machine to deceive Joshua and re-capture Elia. Joshua is forced to proceed alone, with the machine pushing his mind inexorably toward an insane love of power. If the boy succumbs to the power and uses it, he could rescue Elia, but his first duty is to rescue his baby sister and the next stage of human evolution.

- **USA Book News finalist, "Best Books 2008" awards.**
- **Nominated for the Connecticut Book Awards in Fiction.**
- **ForeWord Magazine "2008 Book of the Year" honorable mention.**



**Lee Denning**, a pen name, combines the first names of Denning Powell and his daughter Leanne Powell.

- Denning has been a soldier, scientist, engineer and entrepreneur. The Connecticut resident recently sold his environmental consulting firm and moved to Hawaii. His extensive background in the physical sciences underpins their stories.
- Leanne is a California resident, and a psychologist and corporate writer by day. By night she turns her passion for words and ideas to fiction and poetry. She contributes much of the metaphysical and psychodramatic content of their stories.
- *Monkey Trap*, the first book of their trilogy, was published in November 2004. *Splintered Light*, the third book, was published in July 2012. A screenplay of *Monkey Trap* is on their website. The trilogy is being studied for its possibilities as a TV miniseries.



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