

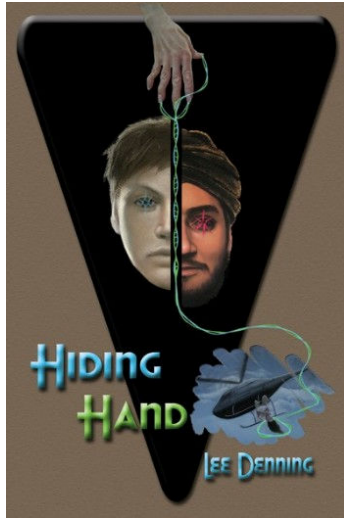
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Hiding Hand: A Different Kind of Sci-Fan Novel

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WEST HARTFORD, CT / LONG BEACH, CA, October 2008. An East Coast / West Coast collaboration of father and daughter over the past five years is producing an intriguingly different science 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. He must confront his own dark side as human evolution unfolds around him. This story continues the trilogy's intricate psychodrama, intertwined with science, mysticism and unrelenting suspense.

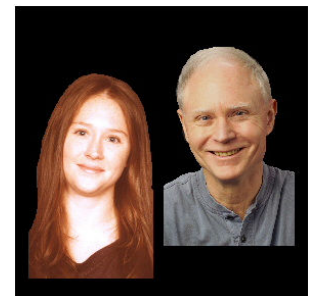
When his parents are disabled and his uncle is killed, Joshua becomes the sole protector of his baby sister Eva. She is the first *Nova sapiens* -- a potential Messiah for a troubled humanity. But she is kidnapped by a psychopath masquerading as a pious Muslim cleric; he wants Eva's power for himself. 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 defend the next stage of human evolution. Torn, Joshua must confront not only the forces arrayed against him, but also the greater darkness within his evolving self... as he struggles with use of a primal power he can never control.

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

- Denning has been a soldier, scientist, engineer and entrepreneur. The Connecticut resident recently sold his environmental consulting firm and is using his 35-year background in the physical sciences and engineering to underpin their stories.
- Leanne is a psychologist, poet and mystic. The California resident is turning her passion for words and ideas into a viable writing profession. She contributes much of the metaphysical and psychodramatic content of their stories.
- *Splintered Light*, the third book of their trilogy, is in progress. A screenplay of the first book *Monkey Trap* is on their website.



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Both readers and critics loved the first book; for clips and reviews see www.monkeytrap.us.
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