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"QUEEN OF THE WEEK"

CELEBRITY AUTHOR

MARY ANN BERNAL



Welcome! Let me pour you a nice cup of white peach tea and we'll get started.

Please help yourself to a finger sandwich – I've included smoked salmon and dill, too. I heard it was one of your favorites. And we have fruit tarts for dessert today.

Where do you live?

I currently live in the "Queen of Afternoon Tea" area of York several years ago to be closer to my son and his family.

Tell us a little bit about yourself.

I am a very energetic senior citizen, having started my dream career as a published author upon my retirement from the University of Nebraska Medical Center in 2010. With years of experience in time

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management, it is not difficult to juggle writing, volunteering in various programs supporting the U.S. military and spending time with my children and grandchildren, especially cheering in the stands at sporting events and dance competitions.

Are you a traditionally published or Indie author?

My first novel was traditionally published, but my subsequent novels went the Indie route. I prefer being an Indie author with its perks, specifically retaining all rights in addition to having complete control over content and the look of the book (cover design). In today's economy, the traditional publisher expects the author to provide a marketing plan to sell his/her book, and there are little, if any advertising funds available for unknown authors. If the author is aggressively promoting/marketing his/her work, then he/she should receive higher royalties, which is only possible through self-publishing.

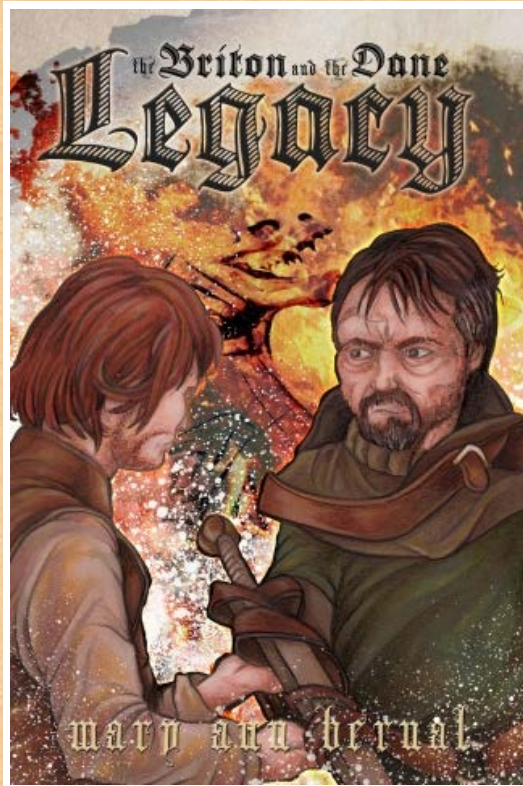
What are your hobbies?

Since retiring from the work force, I have been able to travel to the United Kingdom, Ireland and Italy, and am planning a trip to Greece later this year. Reading and period movies are also favorite pastimes, but I also love science fiction, James Bond and solving murder mysteries.

Tell us about your current book.

"The Briton and the Dane: Legacy," the final installment of the "The Briton and the Dane" trilogy, is an action-packed adventure, sprinkled with a dash of romance, where deception, treachery and betrayal impacts not only the reign of Alfred the Great, but also the lives of Lord Richard and his family in the ongoing struggle to keep the Anglo-Saxon Kingdom of Wessex free

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- Would you care for a cup of tea?



from Viking rule.

What was your inspiration?

My inspiration comes from the Hollywood blockbusters of the sixties, when Vikings roamed the seas and King Arthur defended the realm, and from Sir Walter Scott's "Ivanhoe," which was required reading in my sophomore year of high school.

How did you become a writer? When did you start?

After reading numerous historical fiction novels over the years, I wanted to create my own characters in historical settings of my favorite century – the Dark Ages. Erik, the Viking, found his way into my psyche, demanding a story, but it would take years before I could find the time to write his epic adventure. In the meantime, I attended creative writing classes and workshops, and also completed online novel writing courses.

How long did it take you to finish your first book?

My first book took about ten months to complete, and subsequent novels have taken the same amount of time to write, edit, and publish.

Where do you like to write?

In my home office, which is a great commute, especially during inclement weather.

Favorite author(s)?

Stephen King, James Patterson, Josephine Tey, Frans G. Bengtsson, Jacob Abbott, Thomas Carlyle, Steven Saylor, Derek Wilson,

How many books have you written, so far? Do you plan to write more?

The third book of the "The Briton and the Dane" trilogy was launched earlier this year. I am currently writing "The Briton and the Dane: Concordia," which will be available in 2013. My next project will be "The Briton and the Dane: Timeline," which will be available in 2014.



Would you like to share a link where we can purchase your books?

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The Literary Underground

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What about a link to your website?

<http://www.maryannbernal.com>

Book Trailer

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Mary Ann, it was such a pleasure to meet you today. Thanks for sharing your journey with us. I wish you wonderful success with your writing!



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SANDRA McLEOD HUMPHREY



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Raspberry Zinger tea and we'll get started. Please help yourself to a zucchini bread and cream cheese sandwich and a raspberry scone and we'll get