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My Next Big Thing

Mary Ann Bernal was invited by the Green Wizard to participate in a blog-chain called "My Next Big Thing" (started by Andy Duncan, author of "The Badger-Boy Brouhaha"). The Green Wizard is featuring Mark Barry's books, which can be found at:

<http://greenwizard62.blogspot.co.uk/>



As for me, *The Briton and the Dane: Concordia* will be available in January 2013.

Now down to the nitty gritty!

What is the working title of your book?

The Briton and the Dane: Concordia

Where did the idea come from for the book?

*Concordia is a character from *The Briton and the Dane* trilogy, who wanted her own story, and naturally I had to comply. The novel will be available early 2013.*

What genre does your book fall under?

Historical fiction/romance

How long did it take you to write the first draft of your manuscript?

The manuscript took me five months to complete.

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What other books would you compare this story to within your genre?

Novels by Philippa Gregory come to mind.

Who or What inspired you to write this book?

After reading Sir Walter Scott's "Ivanhoe," I became enthralled with early British history, and admit to being an incurable romantic Anglophile, and less nobly, and much more irritatingly, a Romanophile, accordingly to my favorite Brit and staunchest supporter.

What else about your book might pique the reader's interest?

Concordia is a flaxen-haired Anglo-Saxon noblewoman, coming of age in the reign of Alfred the Great. Spoiled by her indulgent father, cunning, manipulative, stubborn and willful, she is nevertheless full of energy and an explorer by nature.

Though besotted with a mysterious Moor, a diplomatic guest of the King's Court, she honors her promise to wed a besotted Anglo-Saxon warrior on condition that he accompany her to Rome prior to consummating their marriage. In transit, their ship is boarded by bloodthirsty Saracen Corsairs. Her husband slain, Concordia finds herself at the mercy of a dashing young Captain who considers her precious virginity his bounty.

Using only feminine cunning, Concordia must defend her honor and plot her escape while Anglo-Saxon warriors come to her rescue, somewhere inside steamy, unconquered, Moorish Hispania.

And now, I'll pass the baton to the following writers who kindly agreed to participate in the blog chain...stay tuned to read about their **Next Big Thing**.

Bill Jones

<http://thisblogblank.wordpress.com>

Elise VanCise

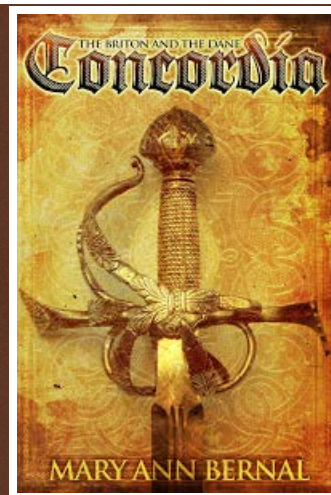
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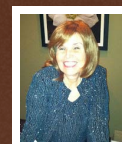


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