

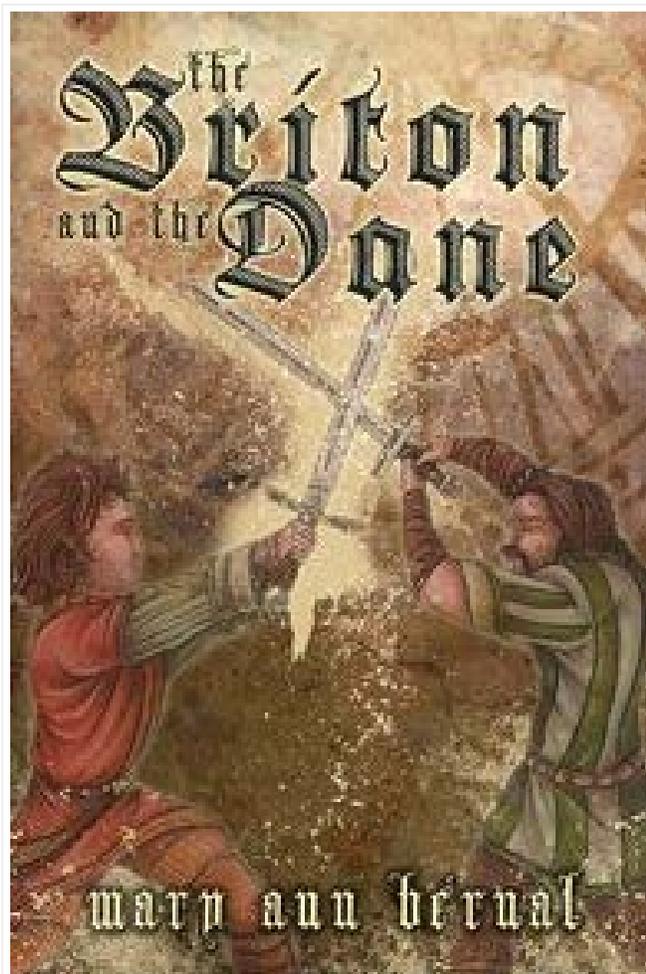


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The Briton and the Dane - Paperback Showcase



Ideal Christmas Gift for fans of hard core historical fiction

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The Briton and the Dane

After the last of Rome's legions left Britannia to the mercy of the invading barbarian hordes and before the age of chivalry, when knighthood was in flower and troubadours sang of courtly love, there lived a King whose love for his people and the land left a legacy coveted by his descendants who sought to wear his crown.

Travel back in time to the late Ninth Century, to the tumultuous days in the reign of Alfred the Great who successfully defeated the Danish Viking King Guthrum and kept his precious Wessex free from Viking rule.

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Journey to the Burh of Wareham where Lord Richard oversees the training of Alfred's army; where his children, Stephen, David and Gwyneth, swear fealty to their King and support Alfred's vision to build a nation to rival the glory that once was Rome in a land ravaged by war and conquest.

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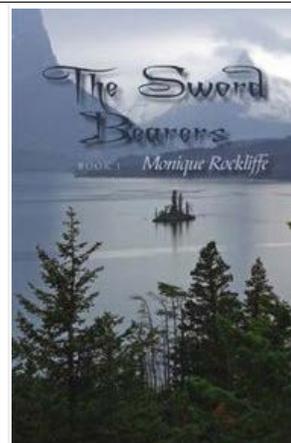
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Reviews

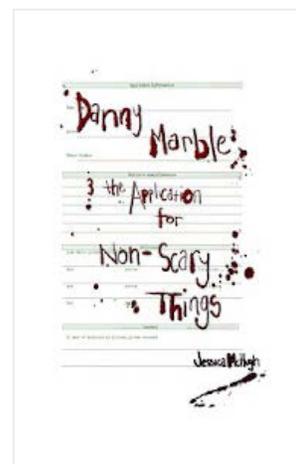
I thoroughly enjoyed The Briton and the Dane. From beginning to end it is filled with romance, treachery, and suspense. I felt as though I could have been right there with Gwyneth and Erik. Mary Ann did a great job of taking the reader back in time to the days of King Alfred with great detail. I did not want to put the



CAMELOT LOST BY JESSICA BONITO (MCHUGH)



DANNY MARBLE BY JESSICA MCHUGH



THE DESCENDANT BY KELLY GREALIS

book down! She leaves you hanging with anticipation for the sequel.

Diane Spaulding, Omaha, NE

The Briton and the Dane was, for me, a delightful surprise on many fronts. Mary Ann Bernal displays a remarkable talent with this tale set in 9th century Britain. She has a formidable ability to constantly surprise the reader with a supply of plot twists and turns. The storyline quickly becomes addicting and hard to put down. The book is a solid package of history, romance, and political intrigue. It is obvious that Ms. Bernal has a great love for and knowledge of this world of the past. Her enthusiasm is contagious! The reader is quickly immersed in a world of events and emotions which seem at once foreign and familiar. And what an array of memorable characters we come to know! Part of Ms. Bernal's talent is to surprise us with revelations of her characters' loves, longings and unexpected relationships to one another. One need not be a history buff to appreciate The Briton and the Dane. By the book's conclusion, I felt a brand new connection with its world of so very long ago.

Paul Auerbach, Douglaston, NY (English Teacher, Writer)

Who is Mary Ann Bernal?



Mary Ann Bernal, author of *The Briton and the Dane* novels, is an avid history buff whose area of interest focuses on Ninth Century Anglo-Saxon Britain during the Viking Age. While pursuing a degree in business administration, she managed to fit creative writing classes and workshops into her busy schedule to learn the craft, but it would take decades before her

"Erik the Viking" novel was ultimately published.

Mary Ann is also a passionate supporter of the United States military, having been involved with letter writing campaigns and other support programs since Operation Desert Storm. She has appeared on The Morning Blend television show hosted by KMTV, the CBS television affiliate in Omaha, and was interviewed by the Omaha World-Herald for her volunteer work. She has also been a featured author on various reader blogs and promotional sites.

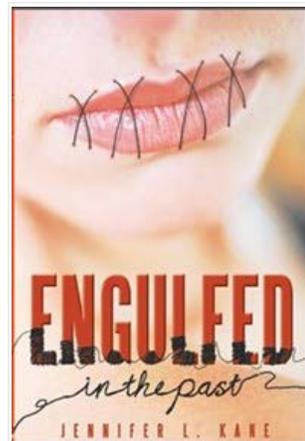
Mary Ann is a New York "expat," and currently resides in Omaha, Nebraska.

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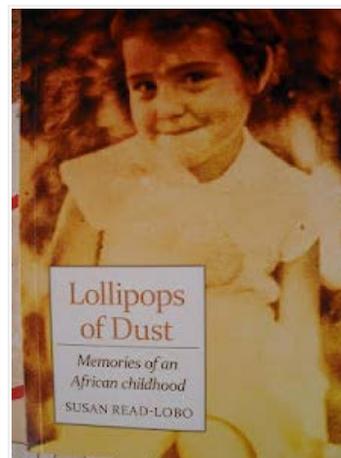
(While many British people will have visited New York City, many won't know much about Nebraska. Here's a guide:)



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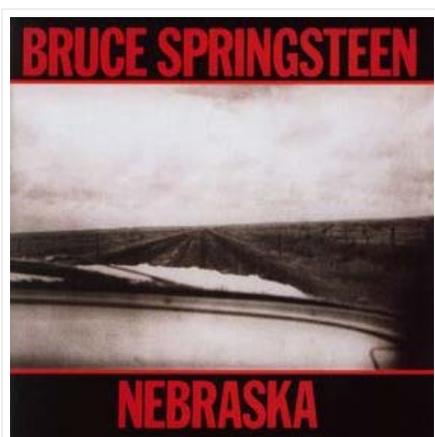


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Map and photographs of Nebraska

[Map of Omaha, plus service links](#)

Of course, many people will associate the great mid western state with Bruce Springsteen's iconic "road" album, so evocative, inspirational, hollow, empty and enchanting.



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Contact Mary Ann at: [Mary Ann Website](#) and [E-mail links](#)

(Mary Ann Bernal will be interviewed by the Wizard on "The Wizard's Cauldron" in Mid August. Don't miss it!)

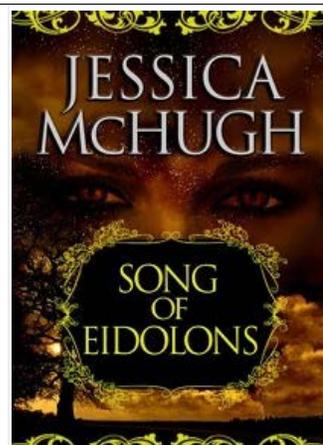
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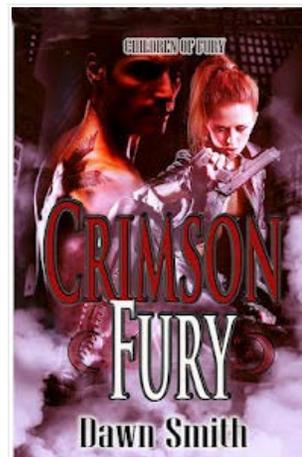
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