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A Journey in Reading and Writing

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Featured Friday! Mary Ann Bernal

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Mary Ann Bernal is a family oriented, community activist participating in supporting the United States military. A guest on The Morning Blend television show hosted by KM Mary Ann was also interviewed by the Omaha World-Herald for her achievements.

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All of Mary Ann’s novels and short story collections are dedicated to fallen military heroes who gave

freedom. A prolific writer originally hailing from New York, Mary Ann now resides in Omaha and has done research to the United Kingdom, Ireland, Italy and Greece.

What's your favourite part of the lifestyle of an Author?

Diversity. Freedom from a structured day enhances the creative process. If life happens, and writing is on the back burner, there is always tomorrow. Can't think of a better job.

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What made you start writing?

My fourth grade teacher can be credited for my interest in writing after commenting on one of my poems. Her encouragement throughout the year had a major impact on an impressionable child.

Is there an Author that you consider your inspiration?

Sir Walter Scott ([Ivanhoe](#)) and Frans G. Bengtsson ([The Long Ships](#)).

What's your number one tip for an aspiring Author?

Learn your craft. While it is important to read as much as you can, it is essential to learn how to structure your novel (e.g., the hook, inciting event, first plot point, and so on) and develop character arcs, et cetera. You do not need a college degree to write a book, but writing related courses and workshops would be beneficial as you embark upon a writing career.

What type of book do you like to read and does this differ from the genre that you prefer to write?

My preferences are biographies, autobiographies, ancient and western civilizations, and historical fiction. To date, my novels are set in Ninth Century Anglo-Saxon Britain, but my short stories are contemporary genres, such as mysteries and thrillers, suspense, drama, paranormal and romance.



Which one of your characters would you most like to spend time with?

Arista, who is featured in [The Briton and the Dane: Birthright](#). In addition to being strong and courageous, she is intelligent, warm and fun to hang out with.

Which book do you consider a must-read?

Autobiographies of Agatha Christie and Eleanor Roosevelt.

What's been the hardest edit that you've had to make? Why did you want to keep the material in?

Fortunately, there are no deleted scenes in any of my work.

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If you could live in a book, which one would it be?

Star Wars and Star Trek universe are tied for first place.

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If you could pick an Author to write your biography, who would it be?

Steven Saylor.

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We all know the phrase "the book is always better than the film." Which film would you like to see remade as a book?

Hercules (2014)

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Can you sum up your life story in ten words or less?

Proud single mom of my son, the doctor.

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What's exciting you about your next project?

The audio book for [The Briton and the Dane: Birthright](#) is currently in production. I am pleased to announce that traveling bard and storyteller, Sebastian Lockwood, is the narrator. Mr. Lockwood has also produced The Briton and the Dane and The Briton and the Dane: Concordia.

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And finally, you have one quote to be remembered by, what is it?

Let your words shine.

Mary Ann Bernall is active all around the web, find out more about her on the sites below.

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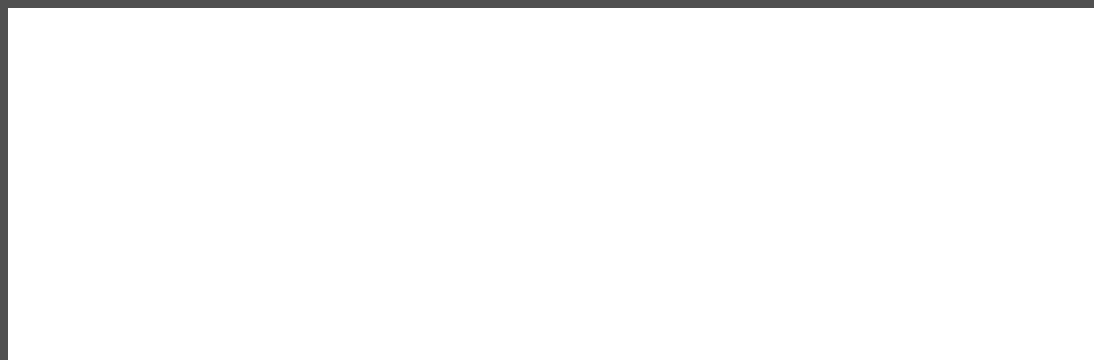
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And as a special feature, you can listen to the audio versions of some of her work on Soundcloud below!



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