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Author of the new children's series The Adventures of Cecilia Spark

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Mary Ann Bernal ... author of the Briton and the Dane series.

What a pleasure it was today to have author, Mary Ann Bernal, hosted on my blog. With the recent release of her latest instalment in her series, CONCORDIA, I was keen to catch-up with Mary Ann.

1. Mary Ann, you wear many hats: writer, historian, business woman, editor, volunteer and military supporter, which is your favourite and why?

This is a hard one since I thoroughly enjoy wearing all of the above hats, but since you are not looking for an "all on the same level" reply, I will have to choose supporting our military. Freedom is not free. One must never forget that our liberties are protected by the sacrifices made by our Armed Forces. Communicating with deployed military personnel is a rewarding experience, since civilian support of missions is never assumed. Should you run into a uniformed serviceman or servicewoman, make sure you thank him or her for their service. I do this all the time and am humbled by their grateful response.

MRS TRIMBLE'S MAGIC TEAPOT



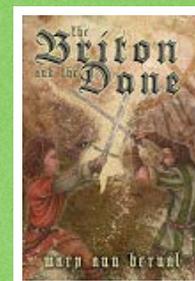
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The Briton and the Dane



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The Ritual



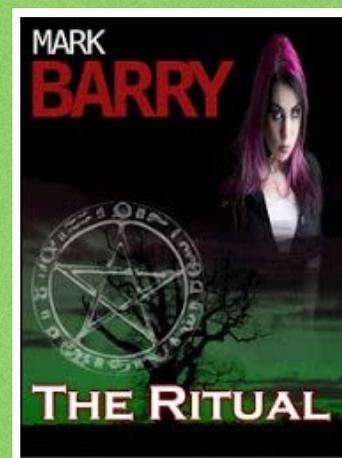
Mary Ann Bernal

2. Tell us a bit about your trilogy *The Briton and the Dane*.

The first book of the series, *The Briton and the Dane* begins with a headstrong girl named Gwyneth whose impulsive nature gets herself into a lot of trouble, from rescuing a wounded Norseman, named Erik, on the beach, to being kidnapped by a Danish warrior, Odulf, and brought to King Guthrum's encampment, while her father, Lord Richard, brothers, Stephen and David, and her betrothed, Cerdic, a man twice her age, attempt a rescue. When King Alfred and Gwyneth's father arrive at King Guthrum's camp, both kings learn of Cerdic's treachery, since the Saxon had sworn fealty to both kings and had taken a Danish wife, Helga. Throw into the mix unrest in Wales and an unknown prince rallying support to usurp King Guthrum's throne, and the epic adventure begins.

In the second book of the series, *The Briton and the Dane: Birthright*, King Guthrum learns that his bastard son, Rigr, is raising an army to usurp his father's throne. Treachery and betrayal affect both courts as the stage is set for the final battle between father and son.

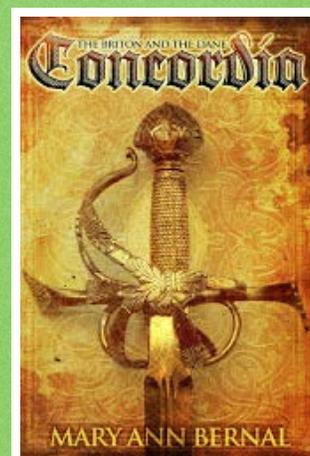
In the final book of the series, *The Briton and the Dane: Legacy*, betrayal and treachery intensifies, and King Alfred faces a new Danish threat, but he decides to fight the Norsemen at sea, knowing Erik must fight his brother, Sven. Add monstrous storm tides and fire ships hurled about by excessive winds, and suddenly both sides find themselves fighting for survival.



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The Briton and the Dane: Concordia



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GREEN WIZARD
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3. You have recently published another book in the Briton and the Dane series called *The Briton and the Dane: Concordia* where does this story take the reader?

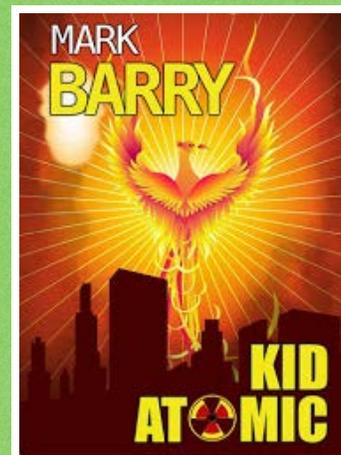
Concordia is a flaxen-haired Anglo-Saxon noblewoman, coming of age in the reign of Alfred the Great. Spoiled by her indulgent father, cunning, manipulative, stubborn and willful, she is nevertheless full of energy and an explorer by nature.

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.

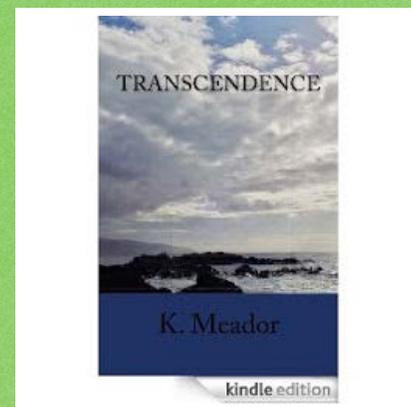
4. Your jacket covers are incredible, very eye-catching, especially the Trilogy and Concordia book covers. Who designs them and what does the book cover of Concordia tell the reader?

Steven Novak, novakillustration.com, is the creative genius behind my book covers and trailers, which can be viewed on YouTube. Steven is well aware of my love of history and how much of that love is reflected in my novels. The sword is a reflection of the world Concordia lives in...the novel is not only a coming of age romance, it is an exciting adventure of blood and lust in a long-forgotten era.



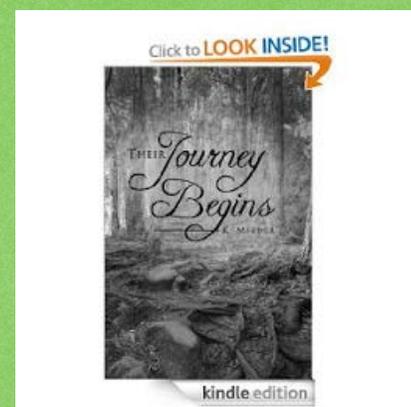
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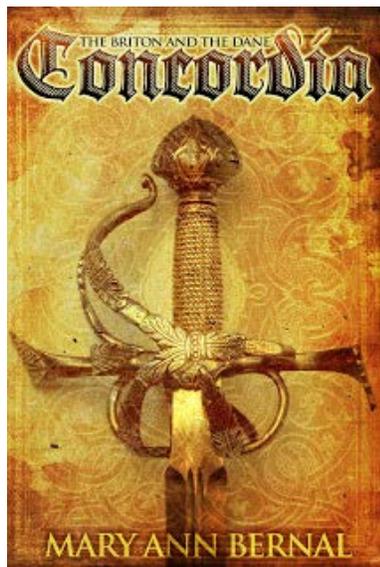
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THEIR JOURNEY BEGINS





5. Give us an insight into a typical day in the life of Mary Ann Bernal.

My day begins at the crack of dawn when I don my marketing cap, which lasts most of the morning. I take a treadmill break, doing 4 miles before having lunch. I then catch up on correspondence, working with my military support programs and other volunteer efforts, before finally donning my writer's cap. Then I will do some writing. Too many caps!

You will also find me in the stands at baseball, basketball and dance competition activities, supporting my terrific grandchildren.

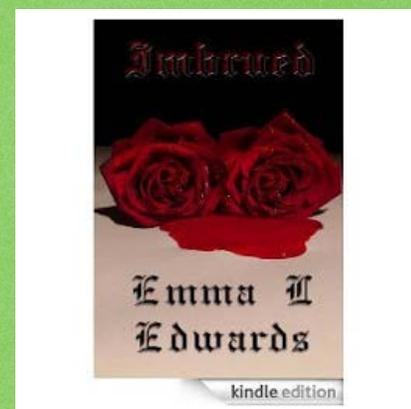


6. You were recently in Greece, was this trip business or pleasure and could you tell us a bit about your wonderful trip?

My parish priest hosted a Pilgrimage to Greece - Following the Footsteps of St. Paul. We began in Thessaloniki and Philippi (ruins of King Philip's city - father of Alexander the Great). And yes I was in Macedonia, birthplace of Alexander the Great. I was also fortunate to see King Philip's tomb and the ruins at Ephesus and Corinth, and the Acropolis and the Parthenon...and the food - oh to die for! We also enjoyed a three-day cruise, sailing the Aegean sea as we visited Mykonos, Kusadasi and Santorini. So much history, so little time.

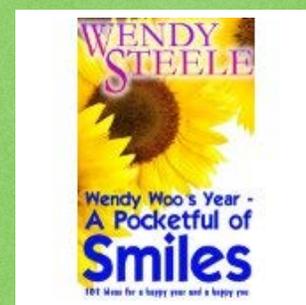
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**IMBRUED
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written by Emma L Edwards

WENDY WOO'S YEAR



A Pocketful of Smiles

ULTRA VIOLENCE



7. Which one of your books from the Briton and the Dane series would you like to see as a film adaption and who would you have play the main characters?

The Complete Trilogy is an epic adventure - a great period mini-series that can hold its own against such epics as Pillars of the Earth, Camelot, Game of Thrones, et cetera. I would have an all-star cast that would need to work for union scale lest the cost to produce such an epic is prohibitive. I have cast every character in the story, but since space is limited... Chris Egan as Erik, Richard Armitage as Cerdic, Jeremy Irons as Richard, James Franco as David and Clive Owen as Stephen. And they all know how to wield a sword!

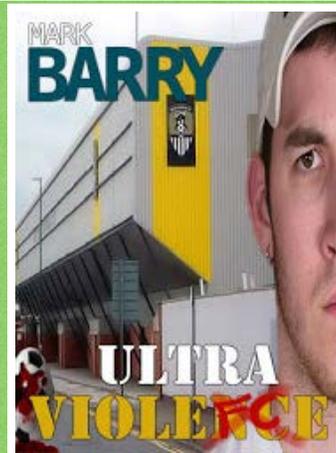
8. If you won \$1,000,000.00 dollars from the National Lottery what would you spend it on?

Before or after I buy a tropical island? But then that's not enough for a tropical island or to build our parish church, for which we have yet to start the building campaign. However, it is enough to set up trust funds for the grandkids before doing anything my heart desires, and trust me, my heart doth desire many, many things!



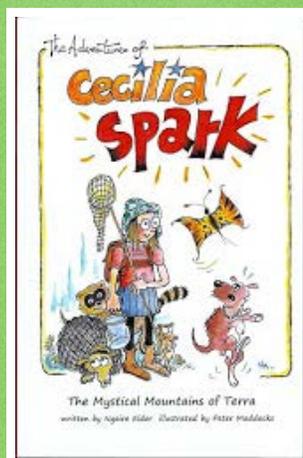
9. What are your plans for future novels?

My next project is The Briton and the Dane: Timeline, which will be available in 2014. The story begins in the 30th century, where Dr. Gwyneth Franger supervises an archaeological dig in England, the ruins



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THE ADVENTURES OF CECILIA SPARK



The Mystical Mountains of Terra

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The Brimstone Forest

of an Anglo-Saxon fortress that housed the last descendant of Gwyneth of Wareham and Erik of Esbjerg. Gwyneth is obsessed with finding the remains of Lord Erik, and is transported back in time, three years before Erik dies fighting for his king, leaving no issue. Will she find Erik and change the course of history or will she find herself lost in time? You'll have to buy the book to find out.

10. And finally, where can fans of Mary Ann Bernal find out more about *The Briton and the Dane*?

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Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Omaha/The-Briton-and-the-Dane/279770885805>

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Blog: <http://maryannbernal.blogspot.com/>

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The Literary Underground

<http://www.litunderground.com/MaryAnnBernal.html>

Book Trailer

Concordia

<http://youtu.be/yDPaiQqmals>

The Complete Trilogy

<http://youtu.be/fH1qSGHOSMA>

NE: Thank you Mary Ann for joining me today, it has been wonderful catching-up with you, and I wish you all the luck with Concordia, and health and happiness.

MAB: Thank you, Ngaire.



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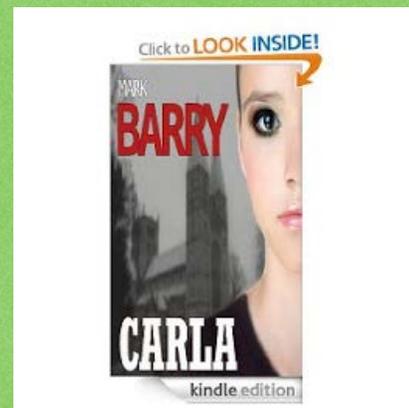
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Thanks for having me Ngaire. Have a blessed day.

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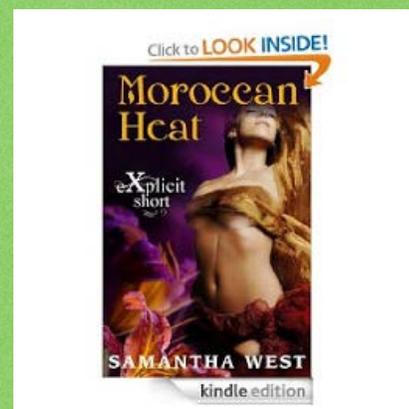
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