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## Longboats, Lances and Legacies: The Dark World of Mary Ann Bernal.

### About the Author

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 *Triangle Variety Radio*, *The Phil Naessens Show*, and *The Writers Showcase*, and has been interviewed extensively by American and European bloggers.

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

## HARD AS ROXX



written by Bill Jones, Jr.

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## Doctor, Doctor



Author, Mary Ann Bernal

Today's spotlight is on Mary Ann Bernal's final installment in her trilogy, **The Briton and the Dane: Legacy**.

## Synopsis (Amazon)

Whispered by the wise and the learned. Talked of in hushed tones round luminous firesides. Engraved by awestruck scribes in the scriptoria of the Chronicles. Against all the odds, great King Alfred defeated a vastly superior Danish army outside Chippenham.

This victory, the sages prophesied, would guarantee peace throughout the land. Or so they thought.

Two years later, Rigr the Bastard, vengeful and seeking to claim his birthright, was defeated in the wilds of East Anglia. His blood smeared berserker warriors vanquished; no quarter asked for - no quarter given.

Now, a further two years later, the Vikings return. Noble Prince Sven instigates a seaborne invasion, fuelled partly by blind rage when he discovers that his brother, Prince Erik, has sworn fealty to the Anglo-Saxon king.

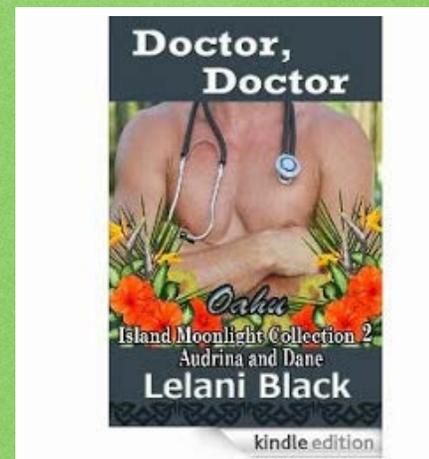
His own brother: A traitor and a fool.

Erik's love, Lady Gwyneth, attempts to stop the invasion before it starts by uniting the two estranged brothers, but her scheming only succeeds in making matters worse. Indeed, her interference guarantees the death of thousands of warriors in the freezing, tumultuous North Sea.

So when the horns of Sven's monumental fleet of warships are heard off the fogbound coast of Britannia, King Alfred – outnumbered, outshipped and weary of the fray - must rouse his jaded Saxon warriors and lead them to sea, to repel his most formidable enemy yet.

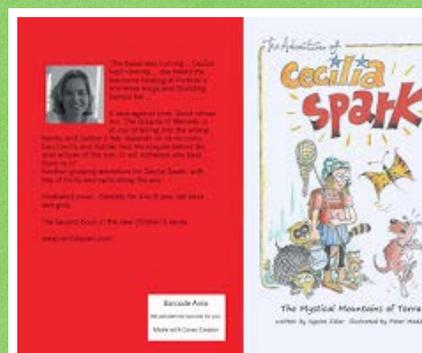
For a host motivated by the spilled blood of the fallen, the spirit of black vengeance, and the delights of a warrior's reward in Valhalla, is the most fearsome opponent of all.

Alfred. Sven. Erik. Gwyneth. Amidst the ferrous reverberation of a battle royale - one or all must die, and the fate of a nation hangs in the balance, one final time.



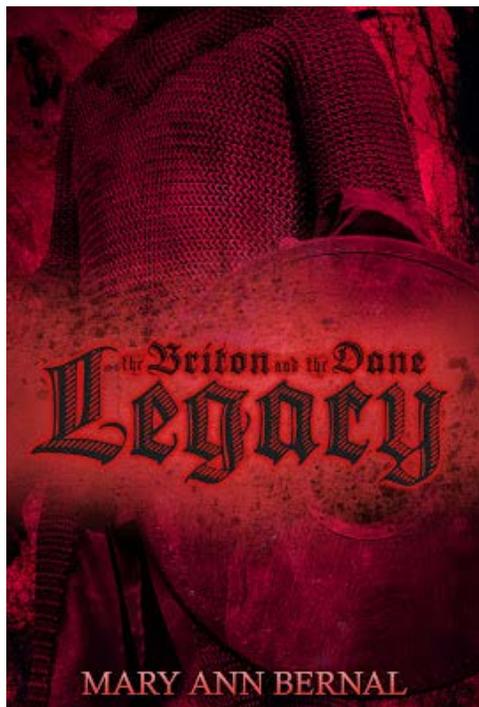
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## The Adventures of Cecilia Spark



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## The Knight of the Dixie Wilds



**Excerpt** from **The Briton and the Dane: Legacy** written by Mary Ann Bernal:

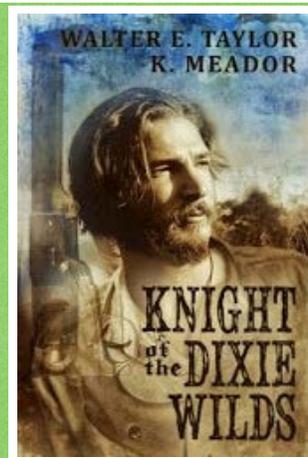
“Save your family!” Brother Martel shouted to Sidonius as he freed his weapon and prepared for battle. “Seek refuge at King Alfred’s court.”

“Leave with us,” Sidonius yelled while freeing his dagger. “You are but one sword.”

“My sword will give you time to flee. Await me in Winchester,” Brother Martel replied. “Go! Quickly!”

Tarren was terrified as a mounted fighter charged towards them, but Brother Martel easily deflected the blow, yet he was not able to defend himself against a crazed fighter who ferociously wielded his sword and savagely slashed the holy man’s eyes. Blood seeped down Brother Martel’s face as the blinded religious stumbled against a warhorse. He instinctively grabbed the reins, his hands grasping for his mounted enemy, but he fell to his knees when a spear penetrated his back.

Sidonius grabbed Tarren’s arm, leading her away from the carnage and headed towards the river. Emidus and Concordia screamed as they tried to wiggle free, but



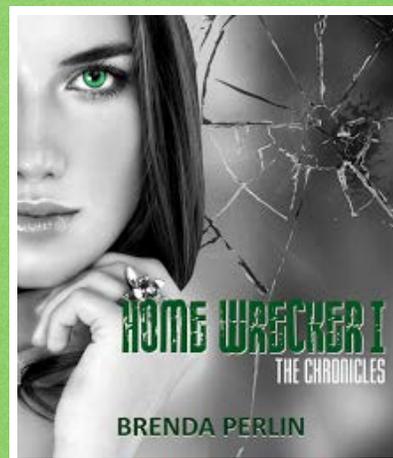
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the little ones cried uncontrollably when they failed to loosen the wrap carrier.

Sidonius and Tarren were out of breath when they reached the edge of a cliff where the mighty roar of a waterfall deafened the screams echoing throughout the forest as the women were ravaged by their attackers.

The cool spray gently caressed their faces as Sidonius and Tarren looked upon the gushing water crashing upon the rocks, the turbulent river flowing towards the sea. Sidonius looked at the large boulders along the riverbed, scouring the steep and rocky terrain for overgrown trails and hidden caves.

“Do not be foolish,” a fearsome horseman said while pulling on the reins. “Your choice is simple. Take your chances with me or be enslaved.”

“We would be in your debt,” Sidonius replied while helping Tarren onto the animal’s back.

Tarren cradled Concordia, leaning against the stranger as Sidonius swung himself atop the charger, but Emidus screamed when he found himself wedged between his protectors.

“Fear not, little one,” Sidonius murmured. “We are safe.”

Lucian smiled as the well disciplined animal picked its way carefully along the narrow path that followed the winding river as they disappeared amongst the trees.

What readers are saying about **The Briton and the Dane: Legacy** (Amazon) :

~ *I could not wait for this book to come out. The character flow is fantastic and the writing allows you to place yourself in their shoes asking what would I do.*

~ *Mary Ann Bernal has done her homework and it shows while writing about this part of history. If you enjoy learning while you read this is the book for you!*

~ *The character flow is fantastic and the writing allows you to place yourself in their shoes asking what would I do. Again, a book that made it difficult to put down. Even if you are not into history the story line*



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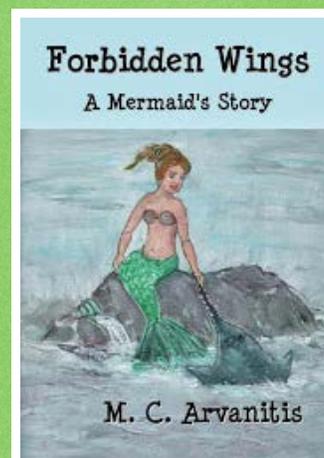
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