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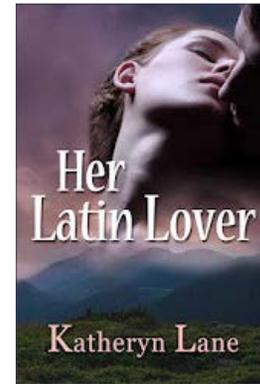
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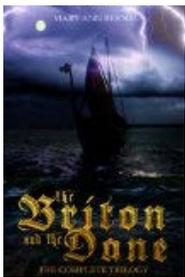
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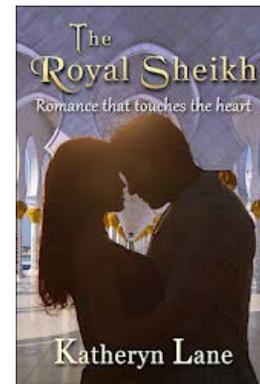
"Lots of flat-out chemistry" 5 STARS

Today it is great to welcome Mary Ann Bernal, the author of *The Briton and the Dane* novels. She is also kindly agreed to give away a FREE copy of her latest book, *Legacy*, but more about that later.

First, could you tell us what your books are about?



The Briton and the Dane novels bring to life the tumultuous ninth century when the formidable Vikings terrorized the civilized world. The epic adventure runs the gamut of deception, treachery, intrigue, and betrayal during a time of war and conquest in Anglo-Saxon Britain.



"If you believe in romance then you will want to read this book." 5 STARS

What inspired you to write them?

An incurable romantic Anglophile was born during my high school years, after having read Sir Walter Scott's *Ivanhoe*, and seeing the Hollywood blockbusters such as *The Vikings*, *King Arthur* and *Knights of the Round Table*, to name but a few. When Hollywood changed its venue of period movies, I found solace with the British programs being aired on the local PBS station, and with the advent of Cable TV, historical documentaries and

About Me



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Katheryn Lane works full-time as a teacher, mother and wife, but somehow also finds time to manage being a part-time writer as well! 'The Royal Sheikh' is her first book and is inspired by her experience of living in the Middle

period miniseries filled the void.

During this time, Erik the Viking was hovering in the cobwebs of my creative mind, waiting to escape oblivion, waiting to tell his story, waiting and waiting and waiting, but it was not until 2008 that I was able to find the time to devote to fulfilling my lifelong dream of writing my Erik the Viking story, and *The Briton and the Dane* trilogy was born.

What other periods of history are you interested in?

Ancient Egypt and Ancient Greece come to mind, but my fascination with the rise and fall of the Roman Empire almost trumps my love of Anglo-Saxon Britain. . . almost. Roman Britain is also included in my top five interests.

I believe you have also written some short stories. Could you say something about them?

My short stories reflect my love for history in that I will take a modern theme and set the characters in a bygone age. Take for example betrayal. I placed my characters in Rome when Christians were being persecuted. My heroine was baptised into the Christian faith and she shared this information with her Patrician husband who she trusted. Unfortunately, her politically-motivated husband had her arrested and she was executed in the arena. Betrayal is betrayal no matter which century we live in, the only thing different is the name and place.

What are you currently working on?

The Briton and the Dane: Concordia will be available in 2013.

What are you reading at the moment?

Jacqueline Kennedy: [HistoricConversations on Life with John F. Kennedy](#)

What do you like to do in your free time when you're not reading or writing?

Attending my grandson's sporting events and my granddaughter's dance competitions top the list of free time activities. I also love to travel and have planned a trip to Greece this fall.

Do you have any advice for other authors?

Keep writing and never give up. If going the conventional route is not working for you, then consider self-publishing - it is not as hard as it sounds. Every successful author has had his/her share of rejections and negative reviews, so you are in good company. If you have a story to share, tell it. Persevere and never, ever quit.

East. In her free time (on the rare occasion that she has any!) she loves to lose herself in a good book.

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Thank you so much Mary Ann for taking the time to chat with me!

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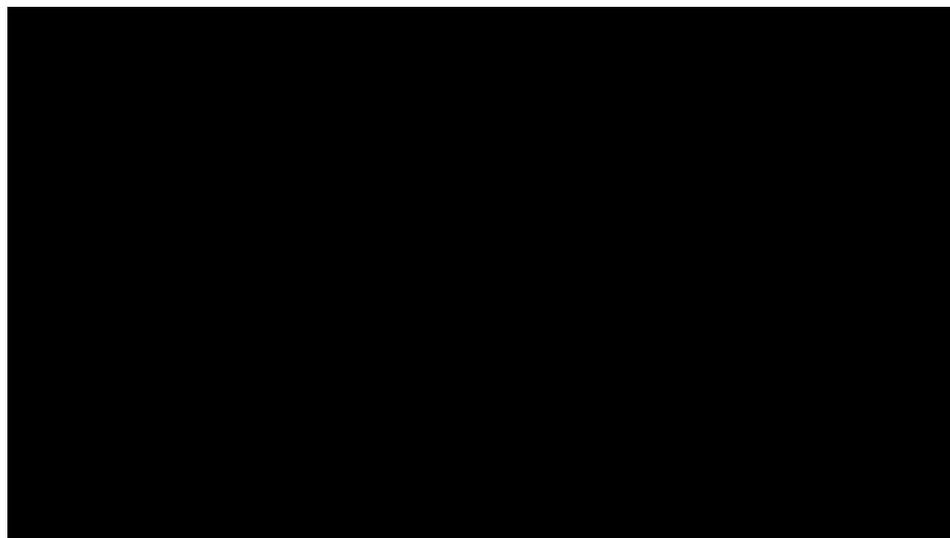
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