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Yonkers Native Mary Ann Bernal Launches Second Installment of “The Briton and the Dane”

OMAHA, NE -- Historical Fiction author, Mary Ann Bernal's greatly anticipated sequel to “The Briton and the Dane” is now available in both print and electronic format, in the United States, the United Kingdom, and Europe. “The Briton and the Dane: Birthright” is the second book in the historical fiction trilogy, and was published in association with The Literary Underground.

“The Briton and the Dane: Birthright” is an action-packed adventure, sprinkled with a dash of romance, where deception, treachery and betrayal impacts not only the reign of Alfred the Great but also the lives of Lord Richard and his family, in the ongoing struggle to keep the Anglo-Saxon Kingdom of Wessex free from Viking rule.

As Bernal said in a recent interview, “Alfred the Great reigned during the late ‘Dark Ages’ where historical documentation was disrupted by the Viking onslaught. However King Alfred was inspired by the great Charlemagne and founded a seat of learning at his court in Winchester. He founded schools and universities, promoted the translation of



religious and ancient texts into English, and made the books readily available to the common people. King Alfred was a benevolent ruler who left a legacy that future Kings of England tried to imitate, and is the only King in British history to be called ‘Great.’”

Bernal became interested in the genre and fell in love with medieval England after having read Sir Walter Scott’s “Ivanhoe.” Then along came the great

Hollywood epics such as “Knights of the Round Table,” “Prince Valiant,” “The Black Shield of Falworth,” and “The Vikings,” to name a few; add to the mix “Camelot” and an incurable romantic Anglophile was born.

Raised in Yonkers, New York, Bernal moved to Omaha, Nebraska in 2004 to be near her son and his family. She has traveled to the United Kingdom, Ireland, and Italy, both for pleasure and research. Her third novel, “The Briton and the Dane: Legacy” is due for release in 2012.

“The Briton and the Dane: Birthright” can be found on-line at Amazon and Barnes and Noble, and can be ordered through any independent bookseller. Links can be found through

The Literary Underground at <http://www.litunderground.com>.

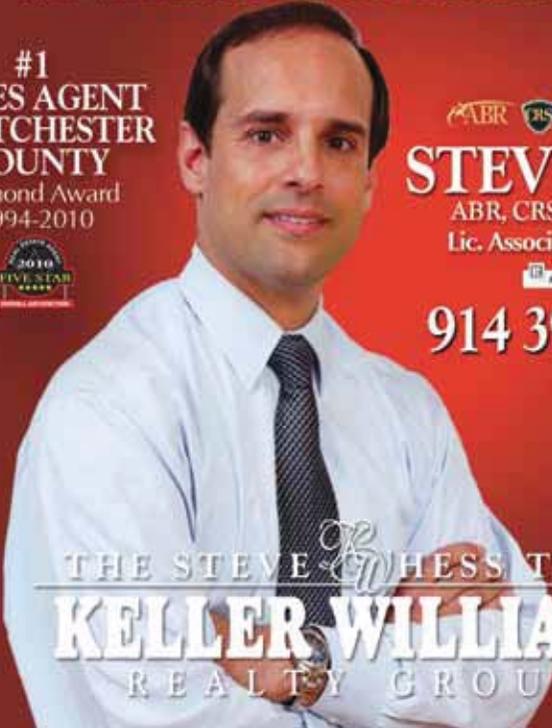
For more information on Bernal and “The Briton and the Dane” series, visit <http://www.maryannbernal.com>.

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