

# Ngair Elder

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

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## Marauding Moors and Victorious Vikings

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.



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Today the spotlight is on **The Briton and the Dane: Concordia**, the fourth book in the series; a stand alone novel. Concordia is a character from The Briton and the Dane: Trilogy, but in **Concordia** we fast forward about 16 years and we read **her** story.

## Excerpt from The Briton and the Dane: **Concordia** by Mary Ann Bernal -

Concordia wrapped her cloak tightly around her as wind gusts chilled the night air. She smiled slightly when Thayer placed a velvet pouch in her hand, yet she was hesitant to accept the gift.

"Open it," Thayer whispered in her ear.

Concordia gasped when she saw the gold bead necklace, but she could not curtail her excitement when she held the striking jewels against her chest. The gold beads were interspersed with turquoise and blue glass of various designs, and each bead was elegantly embellished by exquisitely engraved decorations.

"I have never seen such intricate work," Concordia said excitedly as Thayer clasped the necklace around her neck. "There are no words...but I cannot accept such a costly gift."

"You must, lest you offend my mother."

"I do not understand...how am I known?"

"I had written my mother of our friendship...she sent this token so you may always remember the bond we share...it belonged to her mother...she insisted."

"Tell her I am most pleased," Concordia murmured as she held the beads gently between her fingers while averting his gaze. "Tell her I shall never forget her kindness."

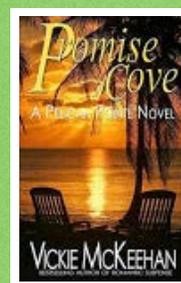
"Come, the hour grows late...you must be in your chambers before you are missed."

Concordia followed Thayer down the stairs as the clouds once again



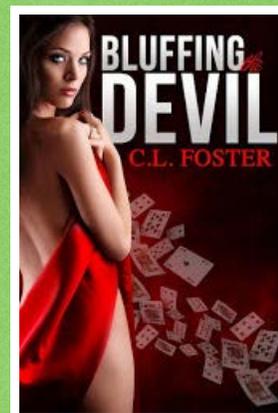
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## PROMISE COVE



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## REALITY BITES

covered the full moon. She walked silently beside the man who had captured her heart, etching his features into memory, to remember in the days ahead, when she grieved for a love that might have been.

Thayer stopped abruptly when they reached the king's private quarters, grasped Concordia by the shoulders and kissed her gently upon her lips

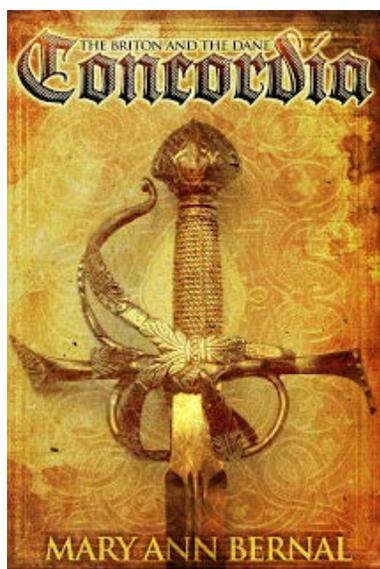
"Forgive my impertinence," Thayer said softly. "I cannot leave without telling you...if only...you must go before words are spoken that cannot be taken back...go!"

"I do not understand," Concordia tearfully replied. "Can you not see..."

"Hush," Thayer interrupted as he placed his finger over her lips. "I know."

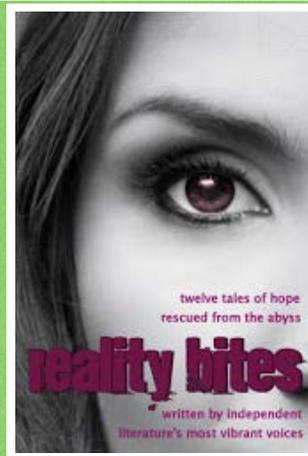
"Will I ever see you again?" Concordia asked, her voice choked with emotion.

"If Allah wills it," Thayer replied kindly before he disappeared into the night.



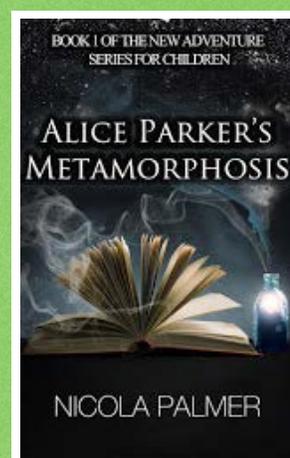
**What readers are saying about Concordia** (Amazon):

~ *Mary Ann Bernal paints lavishly vivid pictures of the romantic and exotic locales in this excellent book. The characters are fully detailed,*



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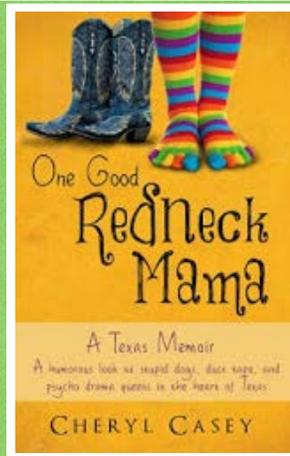
*~ This book receives my 5\* rating as I loved the story telling, would recommend to others and read again. I look forward to reading more books by this author.*

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Book Trailer for The Briton and the Dane: Concordia

US Amazon link - <http://www.amazon.com/Briton-Dane-Concordia-ebook/dp/B00AVQDKIC>

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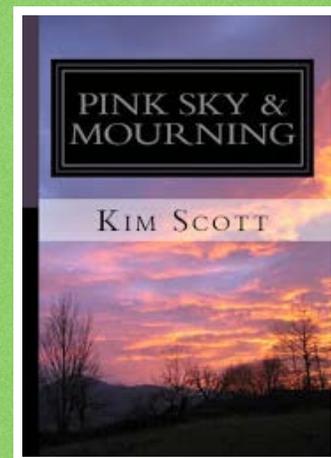
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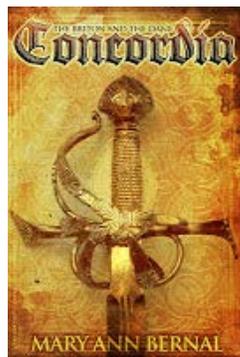
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Posted by **Ngairre Elder** at 03:15

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**Mary Ann Bernal** 17 May 2013 07:14

Thanks for hosting me, Ngairre.

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**Ngairre Elder** 21 May 2013 12:06

My pleasure, Mary Ann, truly loved reading the wonderful excerpt from Concordia.

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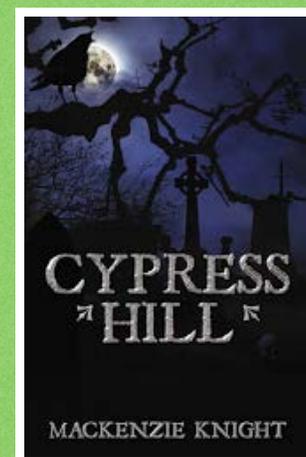
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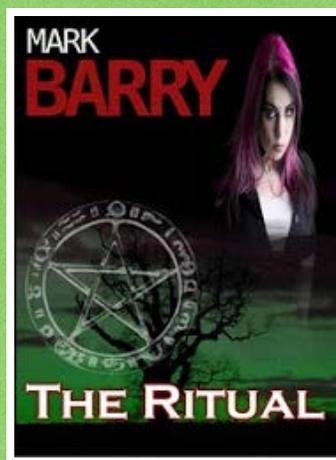
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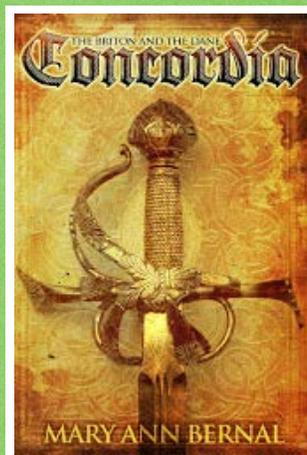
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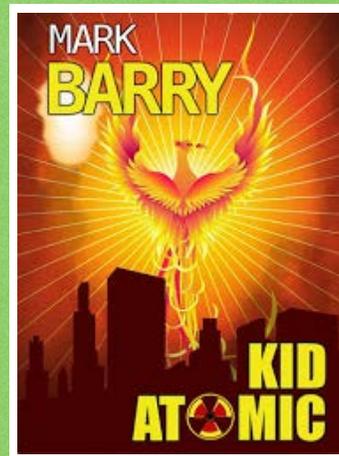
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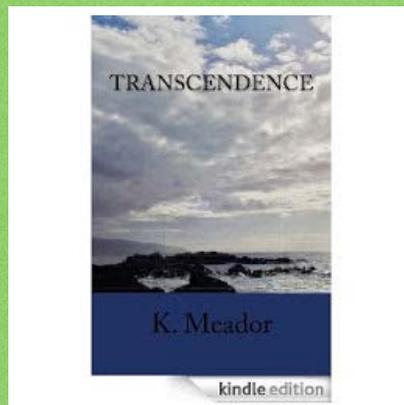
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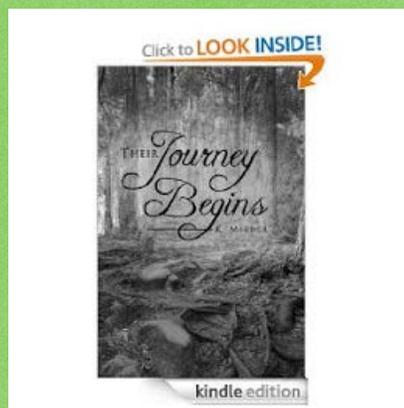
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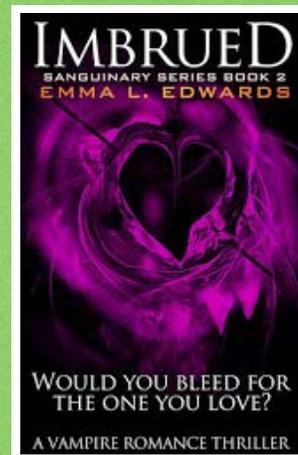
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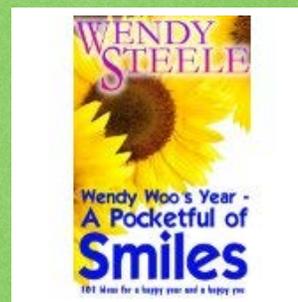
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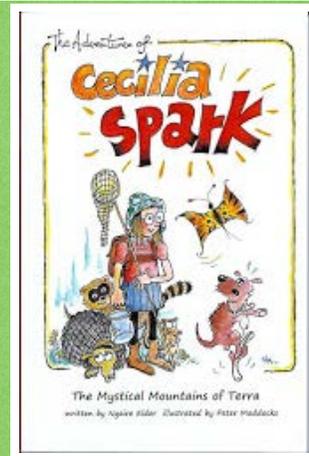
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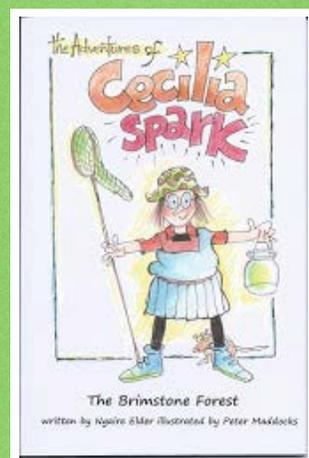
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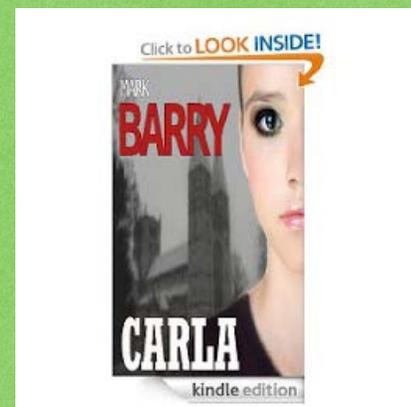
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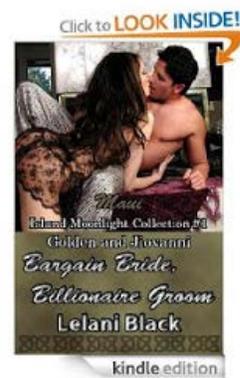
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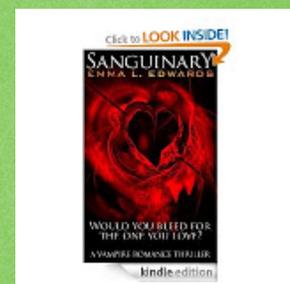
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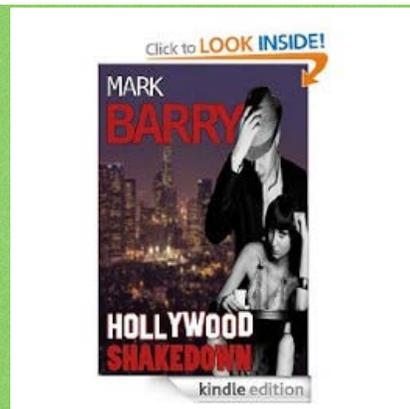
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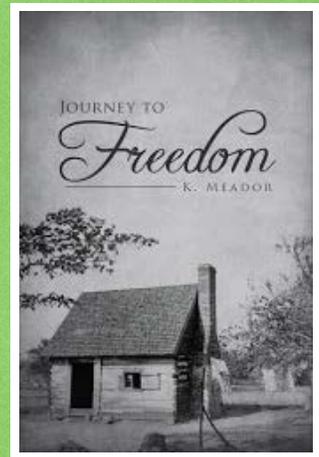
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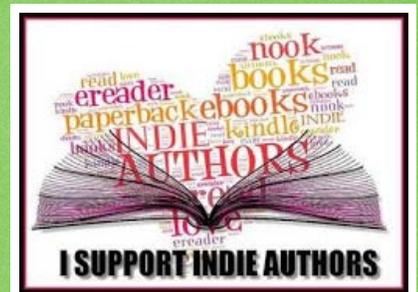
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Ngairé x

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Planting thoughts in a book.



## About Me



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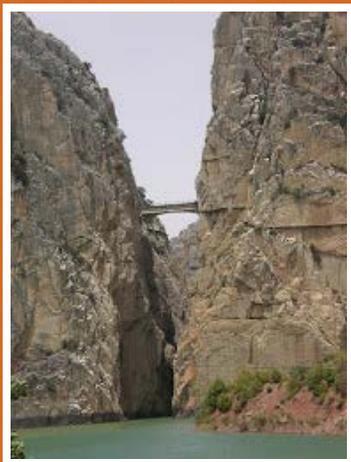
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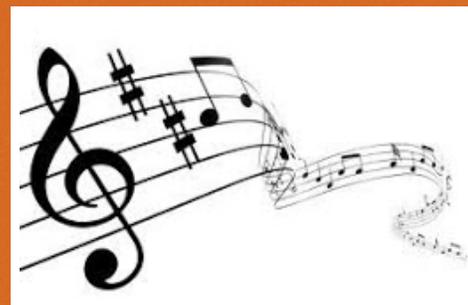


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## Cecilia's Butterfly



Dragon's Brew



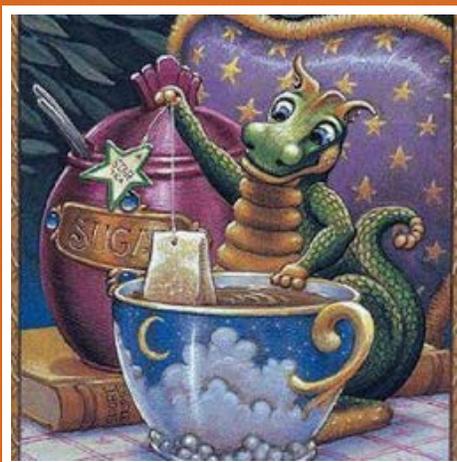
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trick or treat!



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Misty and Legend ...



good company.



Sweetie Cake

Happy Birthday, Mum



Home Sweet Home



help yourself to a slice of cake ...!

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