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## Mary Ann Bernal Historical/romance Author's Interview

***Mary Ann, welcome to my blog. Tell us where you were born and where do you live now.***

Since my dad was active military, I was born on the Patuxent River Naval Air Station, which is located in St. Mary's County, Maryland, on the Chesapeake Bay near the mouth of the Patuxent River. After my father's honorable discharge, we returned to Yonkers, New York, where I resided until relocating to Omaha, Nebraska, several years ago.

***Military family? an honor to know you and my thanks to your family and your Dad.***

***How long did it take you to write the first draft of your manuscript?***

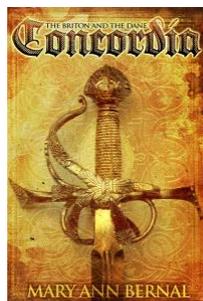
My manuscript took about six months to write.

*Who or What inspired you to write this book?*

Concordia is character from The Briton and the Dane trilogy who demanded her own story. Of course, I had to comply with her request, and she comes of age in her story.

***Very nice...What is the title of your book?***

The Briton and the Dane: Concordia



***Could you give us a back cover blurb?***

Travel back in time to late Ninth Century Anglo-Saxon Britain

where Alfred the Great rules with a benevolent hand while the Danish King rules peacefully within the boundaries of the Danelaw. Trade flourishes, and scholars from throughout the civilized world flock to Britannia's shores to study at the King's Court School at Winchester.

Enter Concordia, a beautiful noble woman whose family is favored by the king. Vain, willful, and admired, but ambitious and cunning, Concordia is not willing to accept her fate. She is betrothed to the valiant warrior, Brantson, but sees herself as far too young to lay in the bedchamber of an older suitor. She wants to see the wonders of the world, embracing everything in it; preferably, but dangerously, at the side of Thayer, the exotic Saracen who charms King Alfred's court and ignites her yearning passions.

Concordia manipulates her besotted husband into taking her to Rome, but her ship is captured by bloodthirsty pirates, and the seafarers protecting her are ruthlessly slain to a man. As she awaits her fate in the Moorish captain's bed, by sheer chance, she discovers that salvation is at hand in the gilded court of a Saracen nobleman.

While awaiting rescue, Concordia finds herself at the center of intrigue, plots, blackmail, betrayal and the vain desires of two egotistical brothers, each willing to die for her favor. Using only feminine cunning, Concordia must defend her honor while plotting her escape as she awaits deliverance, somewhere inside steamy, unconquered Muslim Hispania.

***Wow that is a great plot. What genre does your book fall under?***

Historical fiction / romance / action & adventure

***Do you have a favorite character, why?***

Brantson, the perfect warrior, epitomes all that is noble and just in a world plagued by treachery and deceit. His standards are those that society strives to achieve, placing honor and righteousness at the top of the list. He is also understanding and forgiving, personifying the perfect mate. This is not just my opinion. Many readers have informed me that they wished they had a Brantson in their lives. My incurable romanticism has created the perfect male!

***What kind of impact do you expect your works to have in the reader's lives?***

There are multiple themes throughout the series, which brings awareness to the plight of today's soldier families, people suffering religious persecution, and father/son dysfunctional relationships. Hopefully, this awareness might put situations in proper perspective, resulting in positive change.

***We can always hope...What else might pique the reader's interest in your book?***

Today's reader can relate to Concordia's plight because emotions have not changed over the centuries. She behaves just like young adults behave today, for better or worse, as she learns life's lessons the hard way. And don't forget the love triangle – Brantson / Chad / Thayer – each man loving her, but who really holds her heart?

### ***Where can we find your books?***

Webpage:

<http://www.maryannbernal.com>

Amazon US – author page

[http://www.amazon.com/Mary-Ann-Bernal/e/B003D2DPZ4/ref=ntt\\_athr\\_dp\\_pel\\_pop\\_1](http://www.amazon.com/Mary-Ann-Bernal/e/B003D2DPZ4/ref=ntt_athr_dp_pel_pop_1)

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**It was fun to get to know you better, Mary Ann. Our best to you and your work.**

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