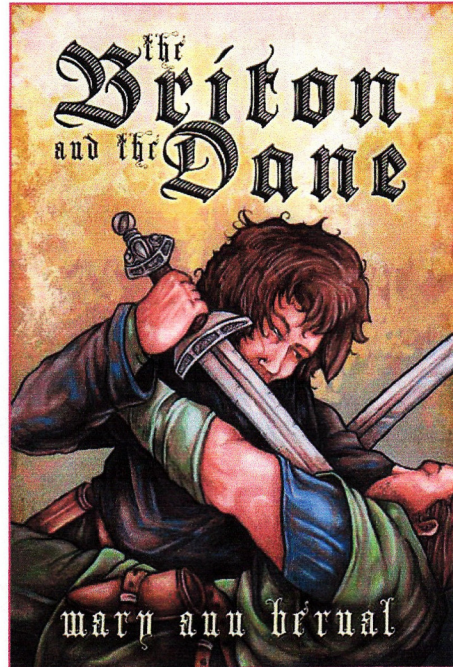


Yonkers Native's Debut Novel is International Sensation

Omaha, NE -- Mary Ann Bernal is delighted to find that her debut novel has been received with enthusiasm and praise in the U.S., the U.K. and Europe. Her book, entitled *The Briton and the Dane*, is the first work of historical fiction released by independent publisher Canonbridge LLC under its Scéal Books imprint.

The Briton and the Dane is an engaging story that takes the reader through times of battle, passion, survival and enlightenment in late 9th Century England during the reign of the benevolent Anglo-Saxon King, Alfred the Great. As Mary Ann indicated in a recent interview, despite the general misnomer that Europe was in the midst of Dark Ages, "[Alfred] encouraged the translation of manuscripts and texts from Latin into English. He created schools and established seats of learning, which enticed scholars from abroad."

Raised in Yonkers, Mary Ann moved to Omaha, Nebraska in 2004 to be near her son and his family. A long-time Anglophile, she has traveled several times to the United Kingdom and



Ireland, both for pleasure and research. Her second novel, *Birthright*, is due for release in late 2010 or early 2011.

Available worldwide, *The Briton and the Dane* can be found online at Barnes and Noble, Amazon, BooksAMillion and Powells. It can also

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For more information on *Mary Ann and The Briton and the Dane*, please visit her website at <http://www.maryannbernal.com>.