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## General Delivery Newsletter: February 2013

**184 authors**  
of  
**368 books**  
have joined the Index!

### Thank you!

In about a month, the Independent Author Index will celebrate its first anniversary! The success of the site is because of visitors like you who come here and read about authors and their work. I wanted to make sure you know how much I appreciate your time.

This is the first of many General Delivery Newsletters that will be made available to visitors to the Index, so enjoy what you see here and don't forget to find the section about the current giveaway.



Thanks for reading!

### FEATURED AUTHOR: MARY ANN BERNAL!



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.

To date, her books include: *The Briton and the Dane: The Special Edition* | *The Briton and the Dane: Birthright* | *The Briton and the Dane: Legacy* | *The Briton and the Dane*

*The Complete Trilogy* | *The Briton and the Dane: Concordia*

You can also find Mary Ann in the following compilations: *Unearthed: A Literary Underground Anthology* | *Time: A Literary Underground Anthology* | *Independent Author Index Short Story Compilation, Volume 1* | *Independent Author Index Short Story Compilation, Volume 2*

Learn more about Independent Author Index member author Mary Ann Bernal!



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### Wayne Gerard Trotman is on the Index!

Wayne Gerard Trotman is a British award-winning writer, filmmaker, artist, photographer, composer and producer of electronic music. Born in the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, he immigrated to England in 1984 where he...



### Kerry Reis is on the Index!

Kerry Reis was born in Oregon and grew up in Jacksonville, Florida. As an undergraduate, he attended the University of California at Los Angeles, where he graduated with a bachelor's in motion picture and television arts. He...



### Kimberly Rane Hicks is on the Index!

Kimberly Rane Hicks is a native of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and grew up in the Hill District where the popular 80s TV police drama, *Hill Street Blues*, was loosely based. Kim currently resides in the city of New Kensington...



### Genre choices are expanding!

Now that there are close to 400 book listings on the Index, I'm going to be making genre choices more specific.

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### The Index is giving away one copy of Dragon NaturallySpeaking Home, version 11!

This is not a download, and the winner must provide a United States mailing address to claim this prize. Although this is not the latest version of Dragon NaturallySpeaking, it's still a great starter version for anyone who doesn't have Dragon at all or an upgrade for anyone who has a version earlier than version 11.

As pictured, there is a headset that is included in the brand-new, never-opened box that will be awarded as the prize for this giveaway.

No purchase is necessary to participate in the giveaway, and it's open to anyone who can provide a US mailing address, even member authors of the Index.

The contest starts today and ends 31 March 2013 at 11:59pm EST. The winner will be notified on 01 April 2013, and his/her name will be posted in the newsletter that goes live after that date.

To learn more about this giveaway and/or to enter, [please click here](#).



### Watched any good books lately?

One of the companion sites to the Independent Author Index is [Indie Authors TV](#). It's where you can watch book video trailers of books that are listed on the Index and some that aren't listed on the Index.

If you're a reader, go enjoy some good book videos. If you're an author, and not a member of the Index, [find out how to have your book video trailer included on IATV](#).

Watching IATV could lead you to read! 😊



### "Index Excerpts" eBooks coming soon!

Many of the member authors on the Index opted in to having their excerpts included in free eBooks.

The purpose of these free eBooks is to introduce you to writers you may not already be familiar with and to give you a sneak peek into some of their fiction, non-fiction and poetry.

The first eBook will be coming out very soon, and a post will be created in the [FYI](#) section of the Index to announce it. Stay tuned! 😊



### Do you have a short story in you?

Compilations 1 and 2 have already gone live, and the third compilation is almost full!

The fourth compilation is going to be a special "Best of the Best" compilation made up of ten authors from the first three compilations.

You still have an opportunity to get in on the third compilation or submit your short story for consideration for the fifth and future compilations.

Find out more by [clicking here](#).



### Get your events on the calendar!

Do you have a book signing or blog tour coming up? Will you be attending and/or offering a writing workshop? Is there a book festival in your area? Is your local library sponsoring a bookmark creation contest for children? Are you giving your eBook away for free for a few days?

[Have your literary events added to the Index Events Calendar](#). There's a \$4 fee to have your event added to the calendar, and appropriate calendar events will be included in future General Delivery Newsletters.

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