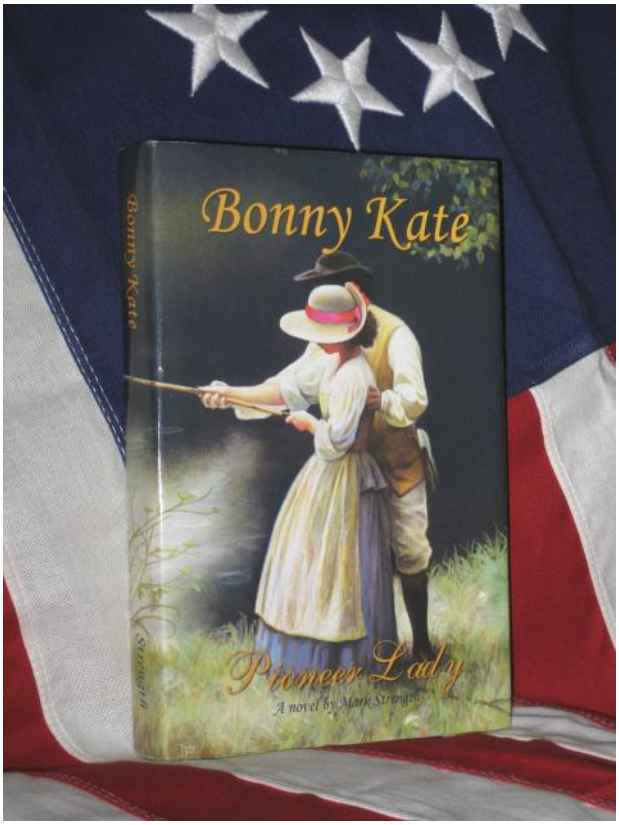

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Mark Strength, a fresh voice in the genre of historical fiction, is a relentless researcher and persevering perfectionist. He is naturally drawn to heroic, beautiful and romantic stories of life and reads everything he can find about history, biography, geography, science, investments and eighteenth century living. He attended Auburn University where he studied geology and business in preparation for a career in jewelry retailing. His skill at writing surfaced as he managed jewelry sales and wrote training materials for a Fortune 500 employer. His writing career in corporate communications led him to attempt the historical novel. Mark lives in Smyrna, Tennessee, with his lovely wife Lynn, and their three sons.

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