

The Inside Scoop

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Latest HIS New and Updates by Megan Hamilton

Guest Writer – Sheila Kell

Welcome To Megan’s newspaper

The Hamilton family and agents have much to offer us and many secrets. Megan Hamilton, investigative journalist, and wife to AJ Hamilton, has decided to start a newspaper to disclose those secrets.

Each newspaper will discuss a new book in my series based on the Hamilton Family, beginning with Jesse in HIS Desire.

Megan is a pseudonym for me and Helen McNabb, beta reader extraordinaire. We’ve concocted this newspaper to keep your love for HIS alive.

Expect old stuff, new stuff, and previously secret stuff. Interested in something? Send a note to the editor at the email below.

Now, sit back and enjoy. A new issue will be out soon!

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Photo caption: *All about linguistics from Jake’s perspective!*

Guest Writer - Jake Cavanaugh

The scoop of the day

Why linguistics is my thing! (I am a geek after all)

With lots of arm twisting, Megan allowed me space this paper to discuss my background. During college, I had to choose something that would help me be a better FBI agent. So, I chose linguistics. Linguistics provides me insight into one of the most intriguing aspects of human knowledge and behavior. Majoring in linguistics meant learning about many aspects of human language, including sounds (phonetics, phonology), words (morphology), sentences (syntax), and meaning (semantics). Here’s what I learned.

What are the branches of linguistics?

- Phonology: The sounds in a speech in cognitive terms.
- Phonetics: The study of sounds in a speech in physical terms.
- Syntax: The study of formation and structure of sentences.
- Semantics: The study of meanings.
- Morphology: The study of the formation of words.
- Pragmatics: The study of the use of language(s)

What are the 3 purposes of linguistics?

The informative, expressive, and directive purposes of language.

Another way to describe language is in terms of the four basic language skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing.

Because of my college background, I can make my way in most foreign languages without being proficient. The skill served me well in the FBI.

Quote of the Day

Trent McKenzie
“Great things are done by a series of small things bought together.” -Vincent Van Gogh

Quiz of the Day

Who ran off with Matt & Caitlyn’s clothes while swimming at the waterhole?

Answer: AJ and Jake

Tattler of the Day

Amber Cavanaugh
Reagan has a new friend from school, and they won’t play with me.

Megan Hamilton

The books based on the Hamilton family and agents

My interview with the author

As odd as it is to read books based on your life, it was even more odd to interview the author as we'd spent months with her interviewing us for our books. Now that the tables have turned, I'm ready to dig into her life.

Megan: How's the writing going?

Sheila: Not so great. I've been doing the revisions on *Deadly Betrayal*, but they're done now, so back to writing.

Megan: How did you connect with Helen McNabb on this project?

Sheila: Helen has been a beta reader and motivator to me. We discussed more for HIS and decided to partner on a project. This newspaper ended up being the project.

Megan: What fuelings do you use to keep yourself going while writing/editing?

Sheila: I used to be a Diet Coke fanatic, but I'm now hooked on Crystal Ice with caffeine, black raspberry or some flavor like that. For snacks, I like to eat tortillas or popcorn.

Megan: Do you have children?

Sheila: No. I'm only a cat mom of three.

Megan: Which comes first? The storyline or the Cover?

Sheila: For me, the storyline comes first as I'm not a great cover designer. However, I purchased a photo from Eric Battershell Photography that I plan to use on a future book I haven't even thought of an idea except to make the photo work. So, I guess it could be either.

Megan: How do you name your Characters?

Sheila: I pull from people's names I know, from the television, or names I hear in public.

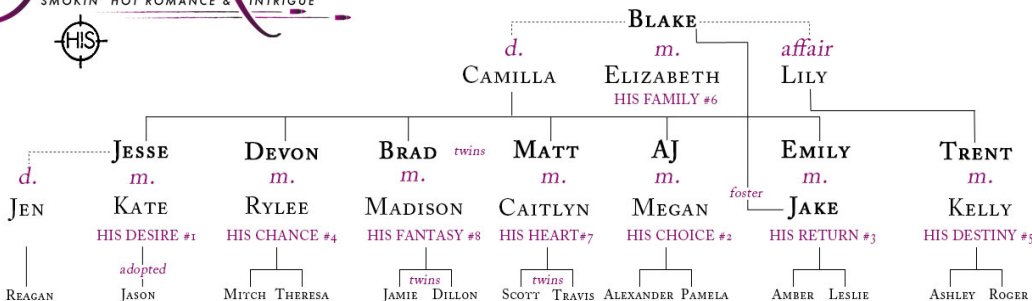
That's all I have for today. Expect an interview with Sheila every newspaper, as we have a lot to learn about her.



Picture caption: Author Sheila Kell



HAMILTON FAMILY TREE



Picture caption: The family tree of the Hamilton family to include children not in the books yet.

Guest Writer - Sheila Kell

Characters' Ages

The characters age as the books move along, but here are their ages during *HIS Return*.

Jake: 26

Emily: 22

Amber: 3

Jesse: 34

Kate: 27

Reagan: 6

Jason: 13

Devon: 31

Brad/Matt: 29

AJ: 26

Megan: 26

Trent: 25

Les: 28 (died in this story)

Guest Writer - Helen McNabb

Tribute to Les White

In Loving memory – you are missed, our Southern Cowboy.

Attributes: Tall, Broad-shouldered, Selfless, Southern Gentleman, Loving Lighthearted nature

Skillset: Leadership qualities, Trail Blazer, Determined,

Favorite Memories or Attributes (from HIS Family):

Confident in his abilities (Kate)

Our Resident Cowboy (Emily)

My Angel – he saved me (Amber)

I would love to have you here mocking my touch football skills or taunting me with cookies, miss you bro! – (AJ)

We are still not natural rider's buddy! – (Devon & Matt)

I am running my farm with you in mind, I am doing it for the both of us, you know this because you hear my dreams. (Trent)

I still make Fried Chicken in your honor, you know you are my favorite. 😊 (Mrs Kessler)

Loosing you has had a profound impact on everyone, we know you are keeping watch over us all. (HIS Family)



Guest Writer – Helen McNabb

Jake Cavanaugh



Photo taken by Eric Battershell Photography

Personnel Profile

Age: 26

Birthday: October 16 / Libra

Qualification: Former FBI Special Agent

Attributes: 6’2” tall, Chiseled jawline, Jet black hair, Ice Blue eyes (has worn contacts to conceal the natural color)

Skillset: Linguist, Body Fitness, Strong Endurance

Sporting: All of them – Went with the flow

Favorites: Food: Meatloaf
Favorite Band: Keith Urban
Favorite Movie: Finding Nemo

Favorite Attributes (other POVs):
Solid headed kid (Blake Hamilton)
Great confidant and friend (AJ Hamilton)
Bestest Daddy ever (Amber Cavanaugh)

Favorite Quote: “Those who dare to fail miserably can achieve greatly.” -John F. Kennedy

Guest Writer – Helen McNabb

Birthdays / Celebrations

August

There are no Hamilton birthdays or anniversaries this month.



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Megan Hamilton

Stories of the family

“We never forget family—no matter how they came to us.”

One of my favorite stories of the series is when Dad and Jason are together in the lodge at Christmas after Jason is given a sign with his name on it to put over a room. I don’t know if you remember some of what was said, but Dad told him, “You are in every way, except by birth a member of this family, a grandson, son, nephew, brother, and cousin.”

Doesn’t that just warm your heart? Well, I’ve brought the two back together to discuss the event since Ms. Kell didn’t cover everything they said.

“I remember everything changing and I carried some guilt for not being a biological Hamilton but being included in the room selection,” Jason said.

“As I said, you are a Hamilton in every way that counts,” Dad said. “We’re lucky to have you in our life.”

“There are times I feel guilty because I love this family so much that I think Mom and Dad would hate me for it.”

“Your Uncle Matt knew your dad. He says your dad would be happy you’ve found a new family to take care of you. Remember to cherish your memories and embrace blending them with the memories you continue to make.”

Jason smiled. “You said something like that to me at the lodge during Christmas.”

“Did I?” Dad asked. “Well, I’m a politician. We’re famous for repeating ourselves.”

They laugh as I shake my head.

“Seriously, Jason,” Dad says, “you’ve been our family since before you came home from the hospital. Once we knew how important you were to Kate, you were stuck with us.”

“She’s such a great mother. Reagan and I just love her like no other.”

“Well, we love you like no other. Now, get over here and give your grandpa a big hug.”

Main story



Picture Caption: Emily Hamilton and Jake Cavanaugh during their time in Ms. Kell’s story of *HIS Return*. Photos taken by Eric Battershell Photography. Designed by CT Cover Creations.

Emily and Jake Cavanaugh
Their interview by Megan Hamilton



Megan is an investigative reporter who has won numerous awards for her journalism. She is married to AJ Hamilton and has two children. They live in Baltimore, MD.

Megan Hamilton

I just love Jake and Emily’s story. It’s heartbreaking and heartwarming. So much love between those two. With that said, let me get started on their interview.

“Emily, is it true you used to tell Jake’s dates he was with another woman, so they’d leave him?”

“Yes”, she says proudly.

Jake shakes his head. “I always knew something was up, but since the women would never speak to me again, I had no idea what was happening.” He puts his arm around Emily’s shoulders. “I wanted her even then, but she was a Hamilton and jailbait.”

Emily playfully swats at his chest. “I hated that you called me that.”

He laughs. “But you were.”

“Okay, moving on,” I say to ensure we don’t have a little spat on our hands. “Tell me about that infamous night.”

Emily blushes. “Are you really asking us about *that* night? I mean, it’s kind of personal.”

Jake laughed. “Not after that author wrote about it and published the book on our life. Nothing is personal anymore.”

“Do you regret it?” I ask Emily.

Wistfully, she smiles. “No, because I’d never have Amber otherwise.”

Jake nods. “I can’t be mad at her because we probably still would be fighting our way together since I feared what the family

would say or do.”

“They love you, Jake,” Emily says. “They approve of us.”

Jake shook his head. “But back then, I was the outlier. Not a Hamilton, not a family member, just someone who lived with the family and ate at their table.”

“I can’t be mad at her because we probably would still be fighting our way together...”

- Jake Cavanaugh

“When did you know you loved each other?”

Emily answers first. “When I first saw him.” She looks up at her husband and smiles.

He leans over and gives her a quick kiss. “My little Sprite.”

“Okay,” I say. “Enough mushy stuff. Tell me about the incident.”

They each grimly frown. Emily’s eyes water and I see a tear trickle down her cheek.

“I’ve never been so scared in my life,” Jake states. “Even when my own life was on the line.”

“My little girl never would have survived without Les’s sacrifice.” She sniffs. “I still miss him and thank him every night before I put my little girl to sleep.”

Jake nods. “The scars on my back are nothing compared to what he did for us, knowing he wouldn’t survive.”

And, we have a tribute to Les in this issue. Until next time...