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# The Inside Scoop

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Latest HIS New and Updates by Megan Hamilton

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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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## The scoop of the day

*How this newspaper came to life by Sheila Kell*

The idea of a HIS newspaper was the furthest thing from my mind months ago. In fact, I hadn’t thought about any follow up the series until Helen McNabb, my partner in this endeavor and my awesome beta reader, got me motivated to do more for the HIS series. We made a long list of items we’d like to share, expound upon, and create, so readers will keep the Hamilton family’s stories alive.

My initial thought had been a field guide—as was Helen’s—but it’s been done and done. I wanted something different. Helen had the same thought. So, we brainstormed and brainstormed, coming up with nothing for a while. We discussed a newsletter, but the idea didn’t take since I send a monthly newsletter already. We discussed a magazine, and I really liked that one.

So, I began searching for templates to do a magazine of HIS remembrance and new stories. I couldn’t find one, but then I found a template for this newspaper. We tossed that idea around and decided to give it a try. In the end, we liked it better than our other ideas.

Now, we write on one book at a time, about every three weeks, to keep HIS and the Hamilton family alive for the reader. We’re always looking for feedback and questions to ask the author. We’re not sure what we’ll do once all the stories are told, but I’m sure with Helen’s creativity, we’ll come up with something special.

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### Quote of the Day

*If you cannot get rid of the family skeleton, you may as well make it dance.*

–George Bernard Shaw

### Quiz of the Day

Who was described as “Biggest Alpha Male” and by whom?

*Answers: Jesse by Trent*

### Tattler of the Day

Jason Hamilton complained that Reagan and Amber spied on him and his girlfriend.

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: Rumor is that you plan to quit your new job and go back to writing full-time. Any truth to that?

Sheila: It was true, but my boss convinced me to stay at my job. But I'll still be writing part-time.

Megan: What's next for you?

Sheila: I believe *Deadly Betrayal* (CI) will make it to market early next year. After that, I expect *Read Between the Lines* (CI), assuming it is picked up by The Wild Rose Press, and *Bayou Sunset* (Agents of HIS). After that, I'm not sure. I don't have a grand plan yet.

Megan: Is it true you did paint-by-numbers, and they are the artwork in parts of your home?

Sheila: Yes. It was fun. In my living room and bedroom, I have a few pieces. Picasso, I'm not. But I can follow a map – unless it's for driving. I am perpetually lost.

Megan: What other talents do you have hidden?

Sheila: Let's see, I can embroider and cross-stitch. I'm learning to knit and crochet. That's about it.

Megan: That's plenty. What is your favorite way to relax?

Sheila: Besides the spa, I like to walk in the woods on a nice day, near a brook or stream. The gurgling water does something to relax me. But the spa works the best.

Megan: How do you write more than one book at a time?

Sheila: It's not that difficult. I focus on one in the morning, then the other in the afternoon. It takes a bit to swing to the other story, but it's quite easy.

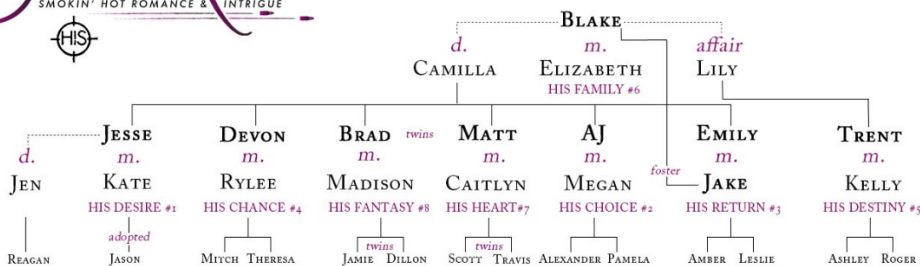
That's all I have for today. Expect an interview with Sheila every newspaper, as we have a lot to learn about her.



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.

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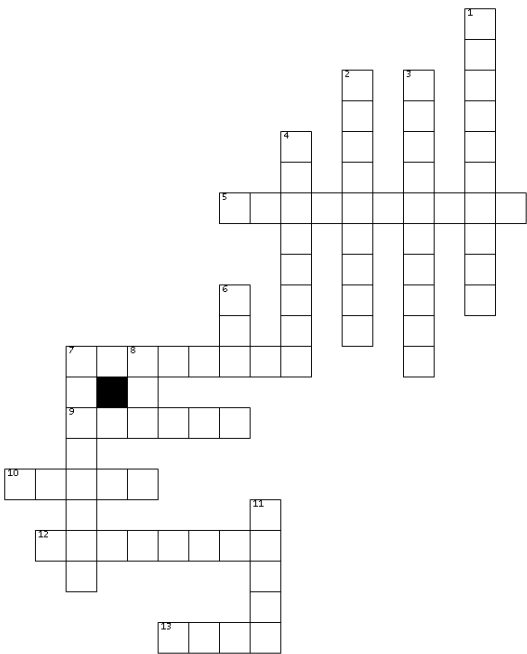
## Characters' Ages

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

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|---------------------------|-----------|
| Jesse: 35                 | Kate: 27  |
| Reagan: 7                 | Jason: 14 |
| AJ: 26                    | Megan: 26 |
| Alexander “Ace”: 7 months |           |
| Jake: 27                  | Emily: 22 |
| Amber: 3                  |           |
| Devon: 32                 | Rylee: 31 |
| Trent: 26                 | Kelly: 25 |
| Brad / Matt: 29           |           |



## Crossword – The HIS Family



- ACROSS**
- 5. What breeds contempt
  - 7. Family surname
  - 9. Given name of the HIS creator
  - 10. Who was jailbait
  - 12. Male members are considered this
  - 13. Both Brad and Matt are one
- DOWN**
- 1. AJ and Jake each had an \_\_\_\_\_ mission
  - 2. Linguistics is the study of
  - 3. Blake's profession
  - 4. One of Jesse's skills
  - 6. Bob is one
  - 7. Jason spent many a day in one
  - 8. Jargon for a meal on the run
  - 11. Beta Reader Extraordinaire and partner-in-crime for The Inside Scoop

Use the clues to fill in the words above.

Words can go across or down.  
Letters are shared when the words intersect.

See puzzle answers on next page



Guest Writer – Helen McNabb

Trent Allen McKenzie



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Personnel Profile

Age: 26

Birthday: September 12 / Virgo

Qualification: Former FBI Agent

Attributes: 6’3’ Blonde Hair and Blue eyes

Skillset: Determined, Confident, Accommodating, Attention to detail

Sporting: O’s fan

Favorites: Food: Steamed Maryland Crabs  
Favorite Band: U2  
Favorite Movie: Hell or High Water

Favorite Attributes (other POVs):  
God’s gift to women (Jesse)  
Flirt (Jake/AJ – all the family)  
A true brother (All Hamilton’s)

Favorite Quote:

“Great things are done by a series of small things brought together.” – Vincent Van Gogh

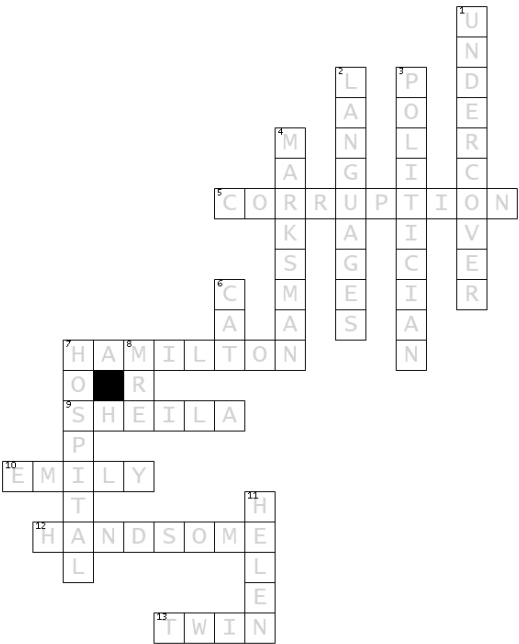
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Birthdays / Celebrations

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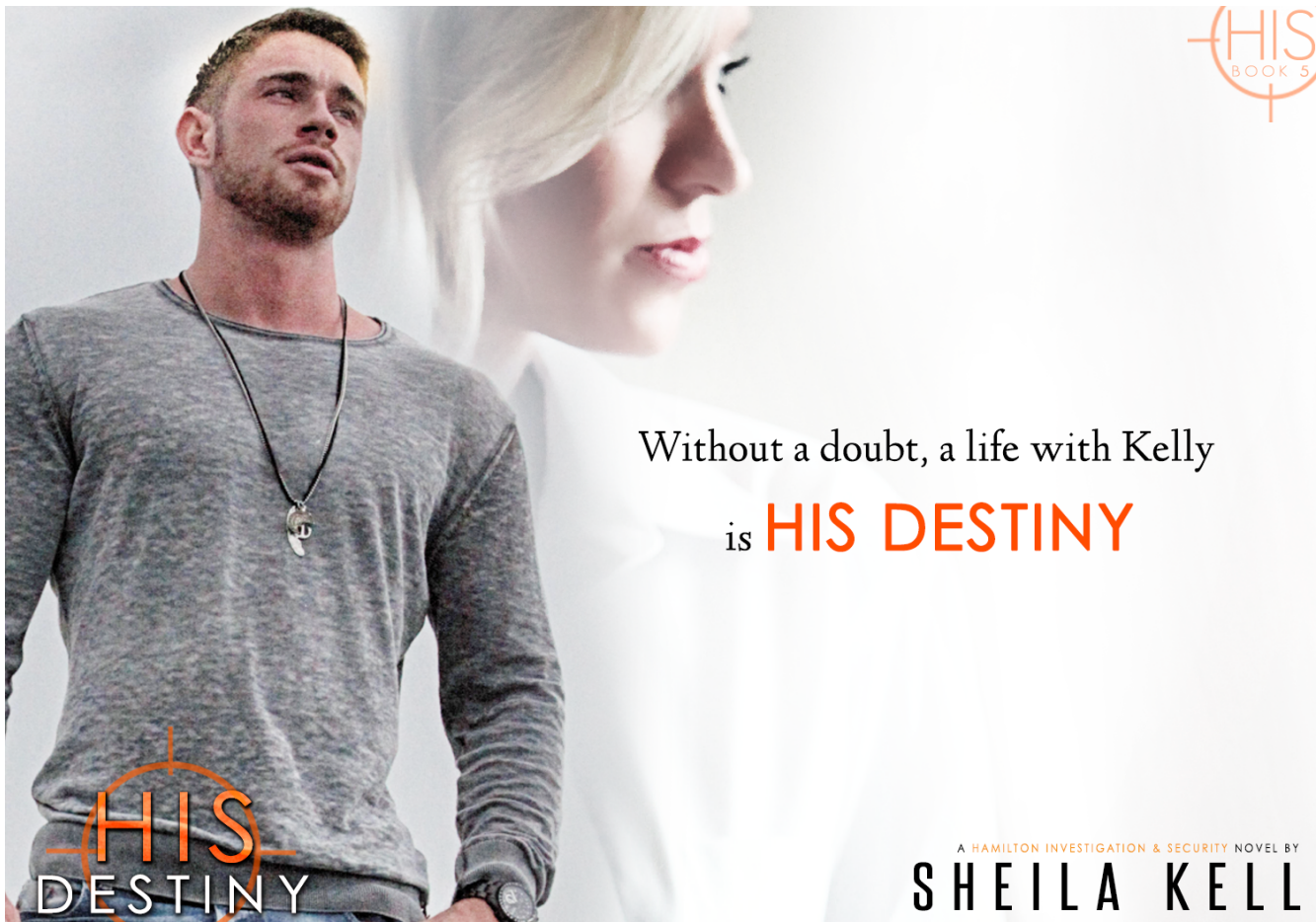
Jason (Adopted Son of Jesse/Kate)  
Trent McKenzie

Answers to puzzle





Main story



Picture Caption: Trent and Kelly during their time in Ms. Kell’s story of *HIS Destiny*. Photos taken by Eric Battershell Photography. Designed by CT Cover Creations.

Trent and Kelly McKenzie  
Their interview with 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’m excited about this interview as these are two of my best friends. I knew they were great for each other and was pleased when they finally found that out for themselves.

“So,” I began, “how are things now?”

They hold hands and look at each other and it makes me ache for AJ. They are so sweet together.

“Things are good,” Trent says. “Ashley and Roger keep us busy.”

“They both love to ride, even though it’s with one of us,” Kelly adds.

“Don’t you miss writing?” I ask Kelly, my partner in crime at the newspaper.

“Actually”—she smiles—“I’m writing a thriller novel. You’ve inspired me to do more with my talent.”

“That’s great. When can we expect it?”

“Oh, not for a long while. I just started writing.”

“Let’s get back to when you were in the story. How weird is that to read about your life?”

They both laugh. “It is surreal,” Kelly says.

“It amazes me that both of you were jealous of ghosts and didn’t buck up and admit your love for each other sooner,” I say.

“Yeah,” Trent says, “we were fools.”

“It worked out, though,” Kelly adds, and they squeeze each other’s hands tighter.

“Marry me, Kelly.”  
“I can’t. You don’t love me.”

“Trent, you took a bullet protecting me, survived a bomb blast rescuing Amber, nursed Jamie while she was being ravaged by cancer and was stabbed protecting Kelly & unborn Ashley.” She sighed. “How do you do it?”

Looking embarrassed, Trent said, “We just do what we can for those we love.”

“He is just Superman in disguise.” Kelly laughs and leans over and kisses him.

“All the Hamilton men seem to be like that.” Megan paused. “That reminds me, how do you feel about being part of the family?”

“While growing up, I always wanted to be part of the family. When I found out I was... well you know the story. I’m settled with it now. I love them all.”

“That’s all I have time for today. Thanks for visiting with Kelly and Trent. Until next time...”