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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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The scoop of the day

How the Agents of HIS series came about by Sheila Kell

After the HIS series, I wasn’t sure what I’d write. I hadn’t thought about the men and women of HIS outside the family. It was readers who encouraged me to write stories about Ken and the other agents. The biggest advocate is my partner in this newspaper endeavor, Helen McNabb.

So, I put together a team, then two, and now I’m working on a third, to continue to write about the men and women of HIS. In the Agents’ series, they use callsigns since most have been special forces and are used to it. Plus, I like it. Yes, I use callsigns from my friends in the military and make some up along the way. In fact, the first names and the first letter of their last name match most of my partners in crime in the Air Force. We had a great team!

It is tough continuing this long of a series and making sure the characters differ from book to book. Giving them each their own personality, and getting it on paper, was a challenge for me. But my editor states I’m doing a great job at it.

It’s slow going on this series as I’ve been working, writing another series, and just about everything else. My focus hasn’t been on writing and writing this series. Right now, I’m stuck on Romeo’s book. I had an idea, but it didn’t work, so now I’m back to square one on the plot. I still plan to have the rough draft ready by the end of the year. It’ll be tight, but it’s my plan.

Until next time....

Quote of the Day

A man is great by deeds, not by birth.
-Chanakya

Quiz of the Day

How many cats does Sheila have?
Answer: 3 (at the moment)

Tattler of the Day

Amber cried because her Elf on the Shelf didn’t move, and she feared he didn’t visit Santa for her.

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: You've moved a great deal. Where all have you lived?

Sheila: Let's see: Florida, Mississippi, Texas, Colorado, Utah, Louisiana, Tennessee, Kansas, and Germany. I think I got them all. But I've visited a ton more.

Megan: What does your workspace look like?

Sheila: My desk has my iMac and two cat beds on it. Camilla and Phoebe like to sleep while I'm writing. My keyboard has a cover so they can cross the desk without stepping on the keyboard.

Megan: What's your favorite childhood memory?

Sheila: "Being a cheerleading mascot in the first grade."

Megan: What's your worst childhood memory?

Sheila: When I was about seven, on Easter, I tripped and fell, hitting the bumper of a truck. I got twenty-seven stitches inside and out. I remember the fall, not the stitches.

Megan: Have you ever cried while writing a book?

Sheila: Yes! Twice - once while I wrote Jake's torturous ordeal and once when Les saved everyone.

Megan: What's your favorite season and holiday?

Sheila: Fall is my favorite season and Christmas is my favorite holiday. I love to give gifts.

Megan: How's your love life?

Sheila: Nonexistent.

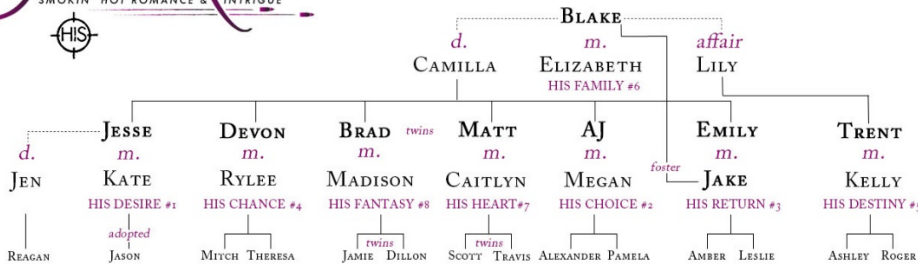
That's all I have for today. Expect an interview with Sheila every newspaper, as we have a lot to learn about her.



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 Fantasy.

- Jesse: 36
- Reagan: 8
- AJ: 27
- Alexander "Ace": 1
- Jake: 28
- Amber: 4
- Devon: 33
- Trent: 27
- Ashley: 10 months
- Blake: 55
- Matt: 30
- Brad: 30
- Kate: 28
- Jason: 15
- Megan: 27
- Emily: 23
- Leslie: 10 months
- Rylee: 32
- Kelly: 26
- Elizabeth: 48
- Caitlyn: 28
- Madison: 30



HIS FANTASY - Cryptogram

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A A E A
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Decode the message.

Each letter in the phrase has been replaced with a random letter or number.

See puzzle answers on next page

Guest Writer – Helen McNabb

Bradley Hamilton



Photo taken by Eric Battershell Photography

Personnel Profile

Age: 30
Birthday: June 12
Qualification: Secret Service
Attributes:
Skillset:
Sporting:
Favorites: Food: BBQ Ribs
Favorite Band: Maroon 5
Favorite Movie: The Terminator
Favorite Attributes (other POVs):

Favorite Quote:
“A man is great by deeds, not by birth.”
-Chanakya

Guest Writer – Helen McNabb

Birthdays / Celebrations
December

Answers to puzzle

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Reading order, but they don't have to be read in order. It's just more fun if you do.

Emily Hamilton

Stories of the family

Thanksgiving has passed and Christmas is along for the December ride. We had a good holiday meal. I am thankful our little ones haven’t done the things we did as children. Here are some childhood memories of the holidays.

I remember the year that AJ started a food fight at the Thanksgiving table. He threw a roll at Jake, who responded with a roll of his own. It went downhill from there after AJ’s next shot included mashed potatoes. When Jake’s shot missed and hit Brad, a war began. I admit, I was young and scared and hid under the table, screaming a bit. Okay, probably a lot now that I think about it.

Dad was so angry at us. He made us clean the dining room. At the time, we felt it totally unfair since we had someone to clean. But, as a parent, I see the wisdom. I hope my children never come to that behavior.

Then, there was the year the brothers made a pact not to eat a single vegetable dish (except potatoes), no matter how good it looked or tasted. Our cook had a fit.

All I recall is nothing but vegetable dishes for meals for a week. No macaroni and cheese, no grilled cheese sandwiches, no peanut butter sandwiches. Most definitely, no meat or potatoes whatsoever. We didn’t even get plain spaghetti because our cook knew they liked it. I wasn’t mad because the dishes were good. My brothers, on the other hand, were furious. I’m not certain they learned their lesson. They were too rebellious in those years.

I also remember the year Brad stole all my Advent candy the before Advent began. I cried and cried, and it took us a bit to find out who did it because Matt covered for his twin as Brad spent the afternoon in the bed with a stomachache. Served him right! But stories like that, are reserved for the Holiday issue of *The Inside Scoop*.

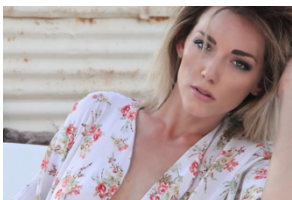
Until next time....

Main story



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Madison and Brad Hamilton
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 with my brother and his wife. Their story interested me the most because I never figured my brother would marry. Brad was a dedicated bachelor, lover of women, - a man who said “love them and leave them” was his mantra. He also said marriage a trap and doom dome to only one woman for the rest of his life. Yet, Madison changed all of that.

Megan: Madison, how did you do it? How did you make this man change from a confirmed bachelor to such a loving husband?

Madison: I have no idea. The man was determined though.

Brad: Well, she ran from me in Vegas. I knew I wouldn’t allow her to get away from me again.

Megan: That is funny two of the family relationships started in Las Vegas.

Brad grumbled: It wasn’t funny at the time.

Madison: Now, sweetheart, that is over and gone. I’m here with you forever.

Brad: I know. What else you got for us, Megan?

Megan: Well, Brad, how did the old thing work out? I realize you cleared your name, but did anything else come out of it?

Brad shrugs: It worked out fine. The Secret Service offered me my job back, but I decided I liked our organization more.

Megan: We’re glad you chose to remain with HIS. Your addition of driving like they learn in the Secret Service has been instrumental. I think it’s been used a time or two by the agents.

Megan clears her throat: Okay, Madison, how do you keep this dominate man in line? He is the dominate of the twins and probably of the entire family - even more than Jesse.

Madison: I doubt he outmans Jesse—

“Teasing is my middle name.”
-Brad Hamilton

Brad: Hey! I’m the alpha of the family! Everyone thinks it’s Jesse because he’s oldest, but I out-alpha them all.

Megan laughs: Still conceited, I see.

Brad: I only tell the truth.

Megan: Okay, we’ll change the topic. I’ll ask you what I asked Caitlyn - have you ever confused Matt and Brad?

Madison shakes her head: No, even if their nose break wasn’t a bit different, I’d know who he was. The electricity does it the most.

Brad: You’d best not confuse us. I’d hate to have to break my brother’s nose again over a female.

Megan: I will say, besides my AJ, you are the most humorous of the bunch.

Brad: I’m not humorous. I’m serious.

Madison: Don’t worry, sweetheart, it’ll never happen. I always know you.

Megan: We only have space for one question. Madison, does Brad still hover over you like the other Hamilton men do with their wives?

Madison: Absolutely. And, I love it!

Until next time...”