

THE HILARY CAINE MYSTERIES

2005 - 2017

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First Show: 05/29/2005.

Last Show: 01/29/2017.

Number of Shows: 22.

STATUS NOTE:

Effective Friday, March 31, 2017 Jim French Productions has ceased producing new shows.

Starting in July 2017, new episodes of *The Adventures of Harry Nile* and *The Further Adventures of Sherlock Holmes* are being produced on a less frequent basis. These episodes will only be broadcast on Seattle radio station KIXI and they will be available for listening on the *Imagination Theatre* YouTube channel

SERIES BACKGROUND:

In 2005 Jim French Productions added a new entry to its ensemble of radio detective series: *The Hilary Caine Mysteries*. The Hilary Caine character was the creation of British writer M J Elliott. He has written several short stories about Hilary that have been published in the United Kingdom. M J wrote all-new adventures for radio dramatization. Elliott was also the primary writer for *Raffles*, *The Gentleman Thief* and *The Classic Adventures Of Sherlock Holmes* and has penned many scripts for *Imagination Theatre*, *Kincaid*, *The Strangeseeker*, *The Adventures Of Harry Nile*, and *The Further Adventures Of Sherlock Holmes*.

The Hilary Caine Mysteries aired as part of *Imagination Theatre* on KIXI in Seattle and was syndicated as part of *Imagination Theatre* on radio stations in the United States and New Zealand. It was also heard around the world over the Internet.

SERIES DESCRIPTION:

Hilary Caine was a young woman who shares a trait possessed by some famous fictional detectives; that of ratiocination: the ability to investigate

using a reasoned train of thought. In the early episodes of the series, she was employed by the English tabloid *Tittle-Tattle Magazine* in the capacity of "Girl Detective."

Her 1930s and 1940's cases, published under the banner of "Hilary Caine, Girl Detective," are all rewritten by the *Tittle-Tattle* staff to remove Hilary's various personality quirks and present her in the most positive light as a cross between the illustrious Sherlock Holmes and his low-rent cousin, Sexton Blake. She sometimes belittles her skill as a detective and promises herself that she will soon quit the employ of the sleazy tabloid and find a real job.

As a result of living a real and imaginary life, Hilary was occasionally confused about where fact ends and fiction begins. For example, she sometimes claims to have met several celebrated fictional detectives including Sherlock Holmes.

CREW:

Creator: M J Elliott.
Writer: M J Elliott.
Directors: Lawrence Albert, Jim French, and Randy Hoffmeyer.
Producer: Jim French.
Music: "I Can't Write The Words." by Lew Stone; vocalist - Al Bowlly.
Sound Effects: Jim French, Lawrence Albert, Frank Rosin and Curtis Takahashi.
Engineer: Jim French and Jason Shavey.
Announcer: Rachel Glass.

CAST:

Starring:

Karen Heaven as Hilary Caine.
Randy Hoffmeyer as Inspector Julius Finn.
Lawrence Albert as Sgt. Talmadge.

Guest Stars:

Andee Albert, Lawrence Albert, John Armstrong, Suzanna Berney, Bill Brooks, Lisa Carswell, Susan Connors, Tracey Conway, Roger Curtis, John Dewar, Caitlin Frances, Jim French, Rachel Glass, Jay Green, Sean Griffin, Tom Hammond, Ron Hippe, Jeffery Hitchin, Suzy Hunt, Phillip Keiman, Peter Kelley, Zoanne LeRoy, John Patrick Lowrie, Ellen McLain, Terry Edward Moore, Christine Mosere, Christine Mosere, David Natale, Karen Nelsen, Norman Newkirk, Terry Rose, Richard Sanders, Faye B. Summers, Bill terKuile, and Richard Ziman.

EPISODE NOTES:

500th *Imagination Theatre* Broadcast:

On 10/16/2005, "The Third Gate," a special program for the 500th week of *Imagination Theatre* aired. Featured were characters from various Jim French

series: Raffles and Bunny (*Raffles, The Gentleman Thief*), Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson (*The Further Adventures Of Sherlock Holmes*), Harry Nile and Murphy (*The Adventures Of Harry Nile*), Hilary Caine (*The Hilary Caine Mysteries*), and Michael Kincaid, Shelly Mars and Randall "Biggie" Bigelow (*Kincaid, The Strangeseeker*) all appearing in one adventure written by Jim French and British writer M. J. Elliott.

Special Imagination Theatre 15th Anniversary Broadcast:

"Fifteen Years Later: Chapter 10 of War Comes to Harry Nile"

A special episode of *The Adventures Of Harry Nile*. This double-length story celebrated 15 years of *Imagination Theatre* broadcasts and features guest stars John Patrick Lowrie from *The Classic* and *Further Adventures Of Sherlock Holmes*;
Terry Rose from *Kincaid, The Strangeseeker*;
John Armstrong from *Raffles, The Gentleman Thief*;
and
Karen Heaven from *The Hilary Caine Mysteries*.

The time was June, 1944 and following the events of Chapter 3, "D-Day Minus One," Harry was still in England waiting to get a flight home. However, he wasn't bored. He managed to get himself involved with murder, treason and a former "girl" detective. He also encountered an aged consulting detective; a reformed, for the duration, gentleman thief; and a nut job who says he was a seeker of the strange and unusual.

1,000th Imagination Theatre Broadcast:

On 05/17/2015, "The Three Gifts of Malebolgia or Three of Our Actors Are Missing," a special program for the 1,000th week of *Imagination Theatre* aired on a one-time basis only. Featured were three leading actors from various Jim French series: John Patrick Lowrie (Sherlock Holmes), Lawrence "Larry" Albert (Dr. Watson and Harry Nile), and Terry Rose (Michael Kincaid.) Also appearing out-of-character were John Armstrong (*Raffles, the Gentleman Thief*), Rachel Glass (*The Hilary Caine Mysteries*), David Natale (*Mr. Darnborough Investigates*), Kathryn Shield and Richard Sanders (Shelly Mars and Bigelow of *The Strange Seeker*), Jay Green, Mary Anne Dorward (Murphy of *The Adventures of Harry Nile*) and the man responsible it all, Jim French. The script was written by writer M. J. Elliott.

Double-Length Episode:

The following episodes are double-length, approximately 55 minutes (with commercials) long:

The Bitter End
Dead to the World
Seek And Ye Shall Find
A Multitude of Sins

LOG:

All dates were the date of original airing on Seattle radio on the *Imagination Theatre* flagship station, KIXI.

Date	Num	Title
05/29/2005	001	A Reputation For Murder
07/31/2005	002	Blood Will Have Blood
11/27/2005	003	The Motto Of The Seahawk
06/11/2006	004	Mystery Repeats Itself
02/18/2007	005	The Scheme Of Things
11/11/2007	006	The Bitter End
06/29/2008	007	Dial "H" For Hilary
09/21/2008	008	Untruths And Consequences
01/24/2010	009	A Creature Of Habit
05/29/2011	010	Truly, Madly Hilary
06/26/2011	011	Seek And Ye Shall Find
04/08/2012	012	Practice To Deceive
11/18/2012	013	As I Live And Breathe
09/15/2013	014	Eyewitness To Murder
03/09/2014	015	Playing The Innocent
05/18/2014	016	A Multitude of Sins
04/19/2015	017	Dead to the World
09/20/2015	018	Bare Bones
11/15/2015	019	Here's To Crime
09/18/2016	020	The Body Politic
01/22/2017	021	The Heart of the Lie
01/29/2017	022	Fashionably Late

AVAILABILITY:

As of 03/31/2017 Shows can no longer be purchased through Jim French Productions.

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The Hilary Caine Mysteries

Compact Discs:

Jim French Productions produced four single compact disc volumes:

Volume 1 contained episodes 001 - 003.

Volume 2 contained episodes 004 & 006.

Volume 3 contained episodes 005 & 011.

Volume 4 contained episodes 007 & 008.

As of January 1, 2014, these single volumes were no longer available in CD format, but were available as MP3 downloads.

Compact Disc Box Sets:

Hilary Caine Collectors Box Set 1

Contained Volumes 1 - 4 in a boxed set of four audio CDs.

Hilary Caine Collectors Box Set 2

Contained eight episodes in a boxed set of four audio CDs.

MP3 Downloads

Most episodes of this series were available for download in MP3 format.

All four single volume CDs and the Collectors Box Set of this series were available for download in MP3 format.

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Imagination Theatre Compact Discs: 2005 - 2017.

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Correspondence and Conversations:

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Correspondence and conversations with Jim French and Larry Albert 2005 - 2017.

Newspapers and Periodicals:

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The End of An Era by Stewart Wright, April, 2017.

Seattle Post-Intelligencer - Various Dates 2005 to 2009.

Imagination Theatre Newsletters 2008 - 2017

Internet:

Various Web pages at Jim French Productions website:

Web site is no longer active.