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:**

**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:**
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**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.

SOURCES CONSULTED:
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Program Listings:

Correspondence and Conversations:
Hilary Caine biographical information supplied by M J Elliott.

Newspapers and Periodicals:
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Internet:
Various Web pages at Jim French Productions website:
Web site is no longer active.