

Box 13
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Box 13, starred Alan Ladd as Dan Holiday while Sylvia Picker played Suzy, Dan Holiday's secretary, and Edmond MacDonald played Lt. Kling. Other stars in the series were Betty Lou Gerson, Lurene Tuttle, Alan Reed, Luis van Rooten, John Beal and Frank Lovejoy. Music was by Rudy Schrager and the writer was Russell Hughes. The announcer-director was Vern Carstensen and the series was produced by Richard Sanville with Alan Ladd as co-producer.

The premise of the program was that Dan Holiday was an author who wrote mystery novels. To get ideas for his novels he placed an advertisement in a newspaper saying "Adventure wanted, will go anywhere, do anything, Box 13." The ads always brought fun adventures of all kinds: from racketeer's victim to psychotic killer looking for fun. Most of the episodes were based on Dan Holiday replying to a letter he received at Box 13.

Holida would generally solve a mystery in the process and return to his office in time to enjoy a hearty laugh at the expense of Suzi, his amusingly stupid secretary. He would certainly not meet the strictest requirements for private eyes (he was not licensed nor did he collect fees from clients), but definitions could probably be stretched to sneak him in under the rope.

In total there were 52 episodes of this radio program created. It was heard over the Mutual Broadcasting System as well as being syndicated. The series was produced by Mayfair Productions.