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Thirteen/WNET presents **AMERICAN MASTERS: The Lives of Lillian Hellman and AMERICAN MASTERS Dashiell Hammett. Detective. Writer.** premiering nationally on Wednesday, June 30, 1999 from 9 to 11 p.m. (ET) on PBS (check local listings). Pictured, top left, is Dashiell Hammett, whose mythic characters in *The Maltese Falcon*, *The Thin Man*, *The Glass Key*, and *Red Harvest* mirrored his own hard-drinking, fast-talking, hard-boiled brand of heroism and made him one of the 20th century's literary and cultural icons. Pictured top right is Lillian Hellman, one of the most outspoken, controversial and celebrated playwrights of this century. Her blunt, forceful talent spawned a dozen plays, eleven movies, and five books. The two are pictured left together at Hardscrabble Farm circa 1950. (Photos: *Hammett*, The Harry Ransom Humanities Center at U. of Texas, Austin; *Hellman* and *Hardscrabble Farm*, Estate of Lillian Hellman).

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