

# LOVE AND LARCENY

MINI-SERIES



**PRODUCER**

Robert Sherrin

**WRITER**

Douglas Bowie

**DIRECTOR**

Bob Iscove

**CAST**

Jennifer Dale,  
Douglas Rain,  
Kenneth Welsh,  
Brent Carver,  
Peter Dvorsky,  
Greg Ellwand

**DURATION**

3 x half hours



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**SYNOPSIS**

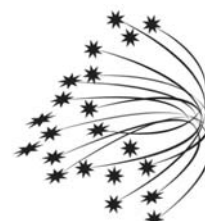
Betsy Bigley, the beautiful daughter of a poor farmer, longs for a better life. Seeing an opportunity to raise her social status through a liaison with Lieutenant Charles Chadwick, the son of an English Lord, Betsy poses as heiress 'Pelvina de Vere' and makes plans to elope. Her dreams are shattered, however, when the beguiled Lieutenant discovers the truth of her impoverishment and desert's her. Determined to pick herself up from this humiliation, Betsy concocts a scheme to bilk a local farmer to get money to escape.

Unfortunately, she is caught and forced to stand trial. Clever lawyer Ashton Fletcher gets her off at the last moment, leaving Betsy more determined than ever to escape the drudgery of her rural existence. So begin the escapades and deceits of Betsy Bigley's illustrious career.

Making her way to Toronto, Betsy works as a seamstress in a garment factory, but is fired for insubordination. Things look desperate until she cooks up a plan to borrow money from her lawyer friend to open a gaming house in Montreal under the name of Madame de Vere.

Thinking she now has an entree into society, Betsy tries to raise money from the banks to save her father's failing farm. When the banks flatly refuse her requests, she devises another scheme to forge promissory requests, she devises another scheme to forge promissory notes by pretending to be the owner of the factory she was recently fired from, and arrives at the farm just in time.

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