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BIGAMIST, THE

1953 / 80:00 / B/W / Drama

Director: Ida Lupino

Starring: Edmond O'Brien, Joan Fontaine, Ida Lupino, Edmund Gwenn



SYNOPSIS:

Joan Fontaine gets more than she expected when she and her travelling salesman husband, Edmond O'Brien, begin the process to adopt a child. The adoption officer discovers the husband has a second wife. Everyone winds up in the court house where Mr. O'Brien is compelled to explain the events leading to wife number two. It seems on one of his sales excursions to Los Angeles he got bored and picked up Ida Lupino, the cook in a hamburger joint. Lupino then became pregnant and O'Brien wanted to do the right thing, so he married her.

REVIEWS:

"But "The Bigamist" belongs to Miss Lupino, and in more ways than one. This fragile director keels the action with such mounting tension, muted compassion and shark-like alacrity for behavior detail that the average spectator may feel he is eavesdropping on the excellent dialogue." New York Times Film Reviews, December 26, 1953