

Reading

Activity 1.

Marilyn Monroe Biography

Marilyn Monroe (1926-1962) Model, actress, singer and one of the most famous women of the 20th century.

“I am good, but not an angel. I do sin, but I am not the devil. I am just a small girl in a big world trying to find someone to love.”

- Marilyn Monroe

Monroe whose original name was Norma Jeane Mortenson, was born in June 1926. Monroe married Jimmy Dougherty, in 1942. Then, he left to fight in the Second World War; after that, she worked at a factory in California. Photographer David Conover, took pictures of women at work and he was shocked by her beauty, and he used her in many of the photos. Later that year she stated a career as a model on the front of many magazine covers.

1946 was an important year for Marilyn, she divorced her young husband and changed her name from Norma Baker to Marilyn Monroe. Next, she took drama lessons and got her first movie contract with 20th Century Fox. Her first few films were not famous, but, they gave her more important roles in films like *All About Eve*, *Niagara* and later *Gentleman Prefer Blondes* and *How To Marry A Millionaire*.

She was an iconic figure of Hollywood glamour and fashion. She was an epitome of sensuality, beauty, effervescence and she was naturally photogenic.

Next, in 1954, she married baseball star Joe DiMaggio, a friend of over two years. Later that year they divorced, but they remained close friends.

In her later career, she tried to move beyond the ‘blonde bombshell’ stereotype and produced her own movie production. She obtained a golden globe award in 1960 for her role in ‘*Some Like It Hot*’

Finally in 1962 she tragically died early from an overdose of barbiturates at aged 36. (Pettinger, 2009)



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