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Mamie Van Doren has been described as a sex symbol, glamour girl, and sex goddess. She is all of those and much more. While Mamie has starred in more than forty movies opposite the likes of Clark Gable, Tony Curtis, Mickey Rooney, and Donald O'Conner, she is also an author, recording artist, business woman, animal rights activist, and humanitarian. Mamie is forward-thinking and outspoken on a variety of subjects from women's rights and gay rights to pop culture. She is active daily on her webpage, MamieVanDoren.com; her blog, Inside/Out; her Facebook page; and Twitter where you can follow her @Mamievandoren.

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