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ALL ABOUT BETTE  
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NARR : The career of Bette Davis has been a distinguished one. Her passing in 1989 ended another chapter in film history. Spanning more than 50 years, a review of her work demonstrates truly why she became the first lady of the American screen. Bette Davis has long been considered the queen of the movies and the body of work she left behind stands as a monument to her throne.

Bette made the decision early in life that acting, her chosen career, would be her first priority. A child of a broken home, she had no positive role models. She experienced three divorces and the death of one husband, but she was determined to be an actress to the end. Bette became a contract player to Warner Brothers while in her early twenties. It was the busiest studio in Hollywood, grinding out product for insatiable movie-goers at the rate of 100 films a year.

But Bette soon became a face in the crowd, and was relegated to turgid melodramas. Bette constantly strove to rise above the material that she was given and wanted desperately to showcase her immense talent. She was with Universal Studios long enough