



## Maud + King Kong + Mario

What's the connection between our favorite Minnesota author, a classic 1930s monster movie, and a popular video game?

[\*King Kong, Minnesota. Population: Mario\*](#) tells the story of how Delos Lovelace's great pal Merian Cooper tapped Delos to write the novelization of his movie *King Kong*. Sixty years later, Nintendo introduces the *Donkey Kong* video game, featuring Mario (from *Super Mario Bros*) attempting to rescue a damsel from a giant angry ape.

The article is great fun, but the best part is the accompanying five-minute video. Though the narrator mispronounces Delos's name (it's de-LOSS, not DELL-ose), the video mentions *Betsy-Tacy* and includes an adorable photo of teenage Merian Lovelace (Maud and Delos's daughter, named for family friend Mr. Cooper) on a bicycle.

Who knew??