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Ball

# Who Was Lucille Ball

*Knowing how much Mom  
liked Michael Stern, I  
knew his book would be*

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*honest and it is. I Had a Ball is full of stories no one but Michael would know. His friendship with Mom is evident on every page. A good read. Thank you, Michael (Desi*

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*Arnaz Jr.). Michaels memories are my memories, only clearer. What a talent for details! It was very moving for me to relive so much of our lives*

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*through Michaels eyes.  
Very entertaining.  
Charming. And, more  
importantly, true. As  
Mom wrote on one of her  
photos to him, Happy  
Thoughts (Lucie Arnaz).*

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*I am a big fan of Michael Stern. Yes, I know, hes the fan of all fans, and as a writer, hes opened his special door and shared real time with Lucille Ball.*

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*But Michael is beyond fan-hood. He is a doer, a volunteer, and I know that from his over-forty-year relationship helping Actors and Others for Animals. Lucy*

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*and little Lucie started the ball (no pun intended) rolling at the very first fundraiser and stayed the course. And Michael continues to respect Lucys passion.*

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*His love for Lucy is legendary. And his value for all players is evident in his actions. Thank you, Michael, for making us all feel so good (Jackie Joseph). I*



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*have known Michael since he was a teenager. He was such a fan of Lucy and always appeared at filming of her shows or other events Lucy attended. One time,*

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*Lucy's mom, DeDe, took him backstage to meet Lucy in person. Lucy told him if he wanted to be her number one fan, he would have to stay in school and get a job.*

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*Lucy loved her fans, and they were important to her. Lucy did indeed call Michael her number one fan. He has been my very good friend, and he still is a very nice*

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*young man. His book has brought back many happy memories. He knew the Lucy we all loved (Wanda Clark secretary of Lucille Ball). In 1971, ten-year-old Michael*

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*Stern thought he had died and gone to heaven as he watched a filming of Heres Lucy. He was enthralled with a redhead gifted with beauty, stage presence,*

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*and the ability to make others laugh. Over the next few years, he would attend several more filmings, meet Lucy, and eventually become (in Lucys own words) her*

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*number one fan. In his memoir, Michael Stern offers a refreshing glimpse into the life of a natural comedienne and actress as he provides a fascinating narrative on*

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*what it was like to become first a fan and then a friend with one of the biggest television personalities of all time. Known to fans simply as Lucy, she*



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*entertained millions of people across the world with shows like I Love Lucy, The Lucy Show, and Heres Lucy. But to Michael, who was eventually allowed*

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*access into her private world, she was a fascinating woman with whom he would share many unforgettable adventures. I Had a Ball is a unique tribute to*

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*Lucys legacy, her spirit, her talent, and her enthusiasm for lifesure to entertain Lucy fans, television aficionados, and comedy lovers around the world.*

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*Who Was Lucille  
Ball? Penguin*

*Everyone loved Lucy, the  
scheming, madcap redhead  
who ruled television for  
more than twenty years.*

*In life, however,*  
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*Lucille Ball presented a far more complex and contradictory personality than was ever embodied by the television Lucy. In*

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*Lucille Ball Kathleen Brady presents the actress as a fully rounded human being, often at odds with the image she presented as an entertainment icon.*

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*Brady has gone far beyond the typical celebrity biography to present a funny, unflinching and ultimately moving portrait of Lucille Ball*

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*as a performing artist, daughter, mother, friend, colleague, and television mogul. Many think they know the story of Lucille Ball's life, but Brady provides*



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*new details and a fresh perspective on this complex woman through a wealth of anecdotes and firsthand accounts.*

*Lucille Ball is revealed not only as a television*

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*archetype and influential icon of postwar American culture, but as a driven yet fragile human being who spent her life struggling to create of*

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*life of normalcy, but ultimately failed--even as she succeeded in bringing laughter of millions of fans. In researching Lucille, Brady interviewed more*

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*than 150 people from her hometown to Hollywood. She spoke with her grade school classmates, and those like Katherine Hepburn and Ginger Rodgers who met her when*

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*she arrived in Hollywood in the 1930s. She gained insights from those who knew her before her fame and from those she loved throughout her life.*

*Film, radio and*

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*television history come to life with the appearances on these pages of such greats as The Marx Brothers, Buster Keaton, Louis B. Mayer, and of course*

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*Desi Arnaz, who march  
and pratfall through the  
pages of this  
outstanding biography.  
Fifty-five years ago, a  
sitcom called I Love  
Lucy transformed the*

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*television landscape and made its leading lady, Lucille Ball, a superstar. No one could have known that Ball, formerly a showgirl, B-movie queen, and radio*



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*actress, would become one of the world's most beloved performers, and take her place in a rare pantheon reserved for the likes of Elvis, Marilyn, and Chaplin.*

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*This book, by acclaimed  
Lucy author Michael  
Karol-Lucy A to Z: The  
Lucille Ball  
Encyclopedia, The  
Lucille Ball Quiz Book,  
Lucy in Print-examines  
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*Ball's impact and dissects what it was, and is, that makes Lucy not only an icon of laughter, but a powerful tonic in a troubled world.*

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*The Lucille Ball Quiz Book*

*My Friendship with Lucille Ball*

*The Princess Present: A Princess Diaries Book*

*The Comic Dna of Lucille*

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*Ball*

*Biography of the Famous  
American Actress  
Pioneer of Comedy*

Please note: This is a companion  
version & not the original book.

Sample Book Insights: #1 I was born

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in Jamestown, New York, in 1940. My mother, Desirée Hunt, was of French-English descent, with a touch of Irish from her father's side that showed in her porcelain-fine English complexion and auburn hair. I was adored by my parents. #2 I was four when my father died. I remember the moment my

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mother told me, and the picture fell from the wall. I was very superstitious about birds ever since. I wouldn't buy anything with a print of a bird, and I wouldn't stay in a hotel room with bird pictures or wallpaper. #3 I was an only child, and it was such a happy, relaxed time for me. But my mother was

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miserable away from her children, so in a year or so, she returned to Jamestown. She'd been a widow for about three years when she married a big ugly-handsome Swede named Ed Peterson. #4 I was sent to live with the Petersons, who were both quite elderly. They were religious, and I was



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punished for any wrongdoing with solitary confinement in my room or being sent to bed before the sun went down in summer.

Traces the life of Dolly Parton from her childhood of poverty in the Great Smoky Mountains to her stardom as a performer and song writer.

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"Marriage is okay, but adultery is more fun. Just ask Lucy." --Desi Arnaz

Starkly at odds with the utopian fantasies of Classic TV, Desi Arnaz defined his real-life marriage to Lucille Ball like this: "We were anything but Lucy and Ricky Ricardo. They had nothing to do with us. We dreamed of

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success, fame, and fortune. And guess what? It all led to hell." Here from the most prolific biographers in show biz comes an unvarnished overview of the tormented married couple who transformed the manic eccentricities of LUCY into one of the most profitable icons of the Atomic

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Age.

Explores the life of Lucille Ball, her career in the I love Lucy television show, her children, and later years.

A Book

The Legendary Love Story of  
Television's Most Famous Couple

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Who Was Lucille Ball?

My Friendship with Lucille Ball

Revised Edition

Lucille Ball

**Help your little one dream big with a Little Golden Book biography all about**

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Ruth Bader Ginsburg -  
Dolly Parton - Betty White  
- Jackie Robinson - Martin**



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**Luther King Jr. - George Washington - Abraham Lincoln - Johnny Appleseed**  
**LUCILLE BALL FAQ**  
**Life & Quotes of Lucille Ball and Desi Arnaz**  
**The marriage of Lucille Ball**

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and Desi Arnaz created a huge buzz during the 1940s because during that time the marriage between celebrities was an unusual event. They both through the show 'I Love Lucy'

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gained popularity and also formed the Desilu Productions which went on to produce many award winning shows. Both of them are credited for launching the concept of

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rerun which was an alien concept during those days. For their contributions towards the entertainment sector they will always be remembered. In this book, 'Life & Quotes of Lucille

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**Ball and Desi Arnaz' we have made an attempt to summarize the events that happened in their life along with some of their quotes and unknown facts. A definitive overview of**

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**the film career of the legendary Lucille Ball provides a complete record of all of her films, with information on key cast and crew, detailed plot synopses, behind-the-**

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scenes anecdotes, reviews, and many rare photographs, including those from Lucy's own scrapbooks.

Original.

The "I Love Lucy" Book  
LIFE & QUOTES OF LUCILLE

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**BALL AND DESI ARNAZ**

**I Had a Ball**

**How I Came to Create the  
Most Popular Sitcom of All  
Time (includes CD)**

**I Loved Lucy**

**They Weren't Lucy and**



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### **Ricky Ricardo**

*Photographs and text depict Lucille Ball's forty-five-year career in stage, screen, and television*

*Presents the life of the comic actress, discussing her*

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*childhood, marriage to and divorce from Desi Arnaz, and her career on the successful television hit series I Love Lucy. Mia would give all the jewels in Genovia for the perfect present Every year, Princess Mia*

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*spends the holidays in Genovia with Grandmère. This year, she's looking forward to the most perfect Christmas ever: her boyfriend, Michael, and her best friend, Lilly, are coming to Genovia, too. But even a*

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*princess's plans can go awry. Lilly has a lot to learn about palace protocol, and with all the state holiday functions Mia must attend, there's no time to linger under the mistletoe with Michael. Worst of all, Mia*

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*hasn't been able to find him the perfect gift. Can Mia stop her (bah-hum)bugging long enough to see that the perfect present has nothing to do with international express courier -- and everything to do with real*

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*love? (Though some shiny silver ribbon never hurts ...)*

*A close friend of the famous comedic actress shares a warm, humorous memoir of the TV star, recalling games of backgammon, conversations*

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*with Desi, and details of the houses in Beverly Hill and Palm Springs. Reprint. 25,000 first printing.*

*Celebrating Lucille Ball's Centennial and the 60th Anniversary of I Love Lucy*

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*Lucille Ball, First Lady of  
Comedy*

*American Legends*

*Laughs, Luck . . . and Lucy  
Love, Lucy*

*An Intimate Memoir of Lucille  
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In 1953, Desi Arnaz surprised Lucille Ball with a 13th Anniversary Party at this Hollywood club. Name the club. The answer to this question, and hundreds of others,

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is in this little bottle  
er, book, the first Lucy  
quiz book in more than  
20 years! So turn on,  
tune in, and get ready  
to test your Lucy IQ.  
The man Lucille Ball

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called the brains of I Love Lucy gives us an inside view of television history as it was being made. Jess Oppenheimer's famous sitcom was the most

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popular and influential television phenomenon in the history of the medium. Forty-five years after its debut, it remains a favourite the world over.

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The world loves Lucy. And now, here is the ultimate tribute to the most popular show in television history. Readers will have a behind-the-scenes look

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at the show's creation and its unbelievable meteoric success as it reinvented the rules and business of television. Over 35 classic episodes are celebrated with

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detailed plot synopses and photo montages from exclusive production skills - and a complete 'TV-ography' offers a look at every one of 179 episodes and 13 one-hour

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specials featuring the Ricardos and Mertzes. You Are About To Uncover Everything There Is To Know About Lucille Ball The TV Star Who Revolutionized Many



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Things! On August 6, 1911, Durrell Ball and Desiree Hunt welcomed a star, whose antics would begin as soon as she was able to stand on her two feet. Before long, her

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mother was already thinking of ways to tame her worrisome frolics- at one instance, she made a deal with a local butcher and her daughter: She could run

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to the butcher's shop, climb onto the counter and perform to her "fans" with song and dance. At least with that, she could stop making sudden

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disappearances. Lucille Ball wasn't your average child, teen, woman, mother... she was different. Decades after her death, it's still difficult to forget the

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first pregnant woman to play a pregnant woman on TV. Lucille Ball was also the first woman to run a major studio, which is just one of the many "firsts for women"

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she achieved as a pioneer in the industry. Lucy, as most of us know her from "I Love Lucy", the classic sitcom, was a meticulous star as it were. That's why it's

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still difficult to miss her shows on the likes of Hulu, Amazon, CBS and Hallmark. But we also know that she was funny, and it would be difficult to reference

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her "Lucy does a TV commercial" and "Candy Factory" from "Job Switching" (from 1952) when reflecting on some TV humor. We know that she was fearless, a



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little weird and quotable. We know that she had a keen eye for business... a typical jack-of-all trades. We know a lot about her... But who was Lucille

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Ball, really? Who were her siblings, how did she grow up? How did she start her career? How did she get to the pinnacle of acting in America? How was her

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love life? What were her greatest fears? How did she die? These are some of the most pertinent questions everyone who knew Ball has been having, and I bet you've

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got a few as well. But guess what? Just like Ball, this is not your regular biography! This book is here to present to you the full life of Lucille Ball from her

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birth, bouncy youth, successful, eventful career and social life to the time her heart couldn't take it anymore, 77 years into her life. It contains

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the most interesting facts about her that you'll not get anywhere, well organized, concise and straightforward enough to give a true, fluid account of the

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life of Lucille Ball.

Here are some of the themes it contains: How Lucille Ball spent her early years; her parents and siblings How life turned out for her after

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her dad's death How  
Lucille Ball began her  
modeling and acting  
careers How Lucille Ball  
soared and made her name  
How Lucille Ball met  
Desi Arnaz, the Cuban



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American playboy Why  
Lucille Ball was  
referred to as Queen of  
the Bs How I Love Lucy  
was born How Lucille  
Ball's genius met  
inconceivable fame

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Lucille Ball's marriage,  
divorce and second love  
Lucille Ball's children  
Lucille Ball's life  
after I Love Lucy How  
Lucille Ball became a  
leader in the production

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business How Lucille Ball died ...And so much more! If you think you know much about Lucille, here's your challenge to see how far your memory stretches. And even if

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you don't know much about her, this biography will usher you into the world of women's firsts in America that will show you how far we've come

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The Complete Picture  
History of the Most  
Popular TV Show Ever,  
Authorized by the  
Lucille Ball Estate  
The Life of Lucille Ball

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A dual biography of Desi Arnaz and Lucille Ball focuses on the star-crossed marriage that sired one of the most powerful production empires in television history but ended in disintegration. Reprint.

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**BESTSELLER** The one and only autobiography by the iconic Lucille Ball, hailed by TV Guide as the “#1 Greatest TV Star of All Time.”

Love, Lucy is the valentine Lucille Ball left for her fans—a warm, wise, and witty memoir written by Lucy



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herself. The legendary star of the classic sitcom I Love Lucy was at the pinnacle of her success when she sat down to record the story of her life. No comedienne had made America laugh so hard, no television actress had made the

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leap from radio and B movies to become one of the world's best-loved performers. This is her story—in her own words. The story of the ingenue from Jamestown, New York, determined to go to Broadway, destined to make a big

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splash, bound to marry her Valentino, Desi Arnaz. In her own inimitable style, she tells of their life together—both storybook and turbulent; intimate memories of their children and friends; wonderful backstage anecdotes; the empire

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they founded; the dissolution of their marriage. And, with a heartfelt happy ending, her enduring marriage to Gary Morton. Here is the lost manuscript that her fans and loved ones will treasure. Here is the laughter. Here is the life.

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Here's Lucy... "The comic actress in her own words...intensely moving."—San Francisco Chronicle  
"Filled with light and laughter."—New York Times Book Review

Who doesn't love Lucy? The

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legendary actress, producer, and comedian steps into the Who Was? spotlight. Much like her hit TV show, I Love Lucy, Americans in the 1950s fell in love with Lucy. Born in New York in 1911, Lucille Ball was always a natural

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performer. She danced in the chorus of Broadway shows and acted in small parts in Hollywood movies. But Ball's true gift was comedy. She found a way to showcase her gifts in 1951 when CBS gave her the chance to star in

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a sitcom. She based the show on her life and called it I Love Lucy. Over sixty years later, it is still one of the most loved television shows of all time. Lucille Ball became the first woman to run a major television studio, Desilu, and her



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comedic genius has kept people laughing for generations.

The comedienne's recently discovered memoirs, penned more than thirty years ago, recount her career, including her marriage to Desi Arnaz and their life on and off

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the TV screen

The Tumultuous Life and Comic Art  
of Lucille Ball

The Real Story of Lucille Ball

Lucy & Desi

Loving Lucy

Wild Cat

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Lucille

*\*Includes pictures of Ball and important people, places, and scenes. \*Includes Lucille Ball's own quotes about her life*

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*and career. \*Includes a Bibliography for further reading. "I don't suppose that hard work, discipline, and a perfectionist attitude toward my work did me*

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*any harm. They are a big part of my makeup today, as any of my co-workers will tell you. And when life seemed unbearable, I learned to live in my imagination, and to step*

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*inside other people's skins - indispensable abilities for an actress." - Lucille Ball*

*A lot of ink has been spilled covering the lives of history's most*

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*influential figures, but how much of the forest is lost for the trees? In Charles River Editors' American Legends series, readers can get caught up to*

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*speed on the lives of  
America's most important  
men and women in the  
time it takes to finish  
a commute, while  
learning interesting  
facts long forgotten or*



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*never known. Lucille Ball, one of the most famous and versatile stars in American history, is above all defined by her charisma. She did not possess the*

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*overwhelming beauty of her contemporaries in the entertainment industry, yet her infectious enthusiasm continues to endear her to the American public*

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*even decades following her death. Indeed, at the time that I Love Lucy (1951-1957) ended, the show still remained the most-watched show in America. Ball possessed*

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*an intangible quality that captivated audiences, who were transfixed by even the most banal plot sequences in her sitcoms. That Ball was*

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*able to withhold her popularity even after the ending of I Love Lucy testifies to the fact that she was always the star attraction on the famous sitcom.*

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*Indeed, even after separating from Arnaz, Ball continued to achieve high ratings on her subsequent programs, most notably The Lucy Show (1962-1968) and*

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*Here's Lucy (1968-1974). Without doubt, Ball's longevity and the magnitude of her popularity make her the most cherished comedienne in American*

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*history. Given Ball's immense fame, it is easy to strip her career out of its original context and assume that she would have risen to fame regardless of the*



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*medium. However, it is important to remember that I Love Lucy actually began when Ball was already 40 years of age, a relatively advanced age for someone*

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*in the entertainment industry. In fact, from 1933 through the end of the 1940s, Ball appeared in over 80 films (with very minor roles in almost all of these)*

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*while serving as a contract player for the MGM and RKO film studios. There is thus a massive discrepancy between the fame she achieved in the*

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*television medium and her lack of success in cinema. To this end, Ball's career reflects the evolutions that occurred throughout the mid-1950s with regard to*

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*the entertainment industry, mass culture, and the ways in which the American public consumed popular culture. Where Ball was unable to rise to*

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*prominence in cinema, she represented the ideal actress for the television medium, and in this regard she introduced a new model for media celebrity, one*

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*that was more accessible if less physically dazzling. This biography explores the entirety of Ball's life and career, with attention paid to her both her childhood*

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*and her pre-television and television periods. In so doing, this study provides as complete a picture as possible of the enormity of Ball's rise to fame and how she*



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*was able to capture the favor of the American public. American Legends: The Life of Lucille Ball profiles the life and career of one of America's most*

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*iconic actresses. Along with pictures of important people, places, and events, you will learn about Ball like you never have before, in no time at*

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*all.*

*The difficult early years... The truth about her and Desi... What's behind I Love Lucy...*

*First published in 1954, this is the full story*

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*of the actress who struggled to achieve stardom in the savagely competitive world of Hollywood and then went on to top place in television. And the*

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*story of the woman who won the harder battle of preserving the things she loved—marriage, home, and family—against the unceasing demands of success.*

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*Best-selling author Michael Karol (Lucy A to Z: The Lucille Ball Encyclopedia) is at it again, with a book of lists honoring Lucy's 100th birthday and the*

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*60th anniversary of I  
Love Lucy – both of  
which occur in 2011!  
Chapter titles include  
Headline News, Lucy by  
the Numbers, The Lucy  
Show Mystery, Mam'selle*

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*Mame, and many more...with an exclusive list by Lucille Ball's and Desi Arnaz's good friend, comedian Kaye Ballard (The Mothers-In-Law). You'll laugh,*



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*learn and love this  
unique peek into the  
Lucyverse.*

*A history of the complex  
and sometimes  
contradictory life and  
career of one of*

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*America's most beloved comedienne's chronicles her troubled marriage with Desi Arnaz, her early career in vaudeville, and her success in television.*

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*Reprint.*

*The Bittersweet Life of  
Lucille Ball*

*An Illustrated Tribute  
to Lucille Ball*

*Lucy A to Z*

*Interpreting the Icon*

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*Lucille Ball Biography:  
The Tumultuous Life of  
The Legendary Comedian  
From 'I Love Lucy,'  
Relationships, Rumors  
and More  
Summary of Lucille*

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## ***Ball's Love, Lucy***

*Praise for the updated 2012 Kindle edition of Lucy A to Z: The Lucille Ball Encyclopedia"Very important. Fresh insights. The most detailed-and most enjoyable-book available on Lucille*

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*Ball. A must-have." -Laura Wagner, Classic Images*"As we are producing the I Love Lucy 50th Anniversary Special, [Lucy A to Z] has been a godsend." -Lucie Arnaz, 2001 letter to author" [Lucy A to Z is a]

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*compound of insight, fact, and trivia." -Stefan Kanfer, author, Ball of Fire*"This new Fourth Edition of Lucy A to Z is a wonderful read and I'm very pleased to recommend it to everyone."

*-Wanda Clark, Lucille Ball's*

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*personal secretary*"If you need any 'splainin' about Lucy' life and career, you'll find it here!" -Craig Hamrick, author, *The TV Tidbits Classic Television Trivia Quiz Book (Vocal Score)*. Vocal score



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*from the Cy Coleman Broadway musical with 15 songs:*

*Dancing on My Tippy Tippy Toes \* Give a Little Whistle and I'll Be There \* Hey, Look Me Over \* One Day We Dance \* What Takes My Fancy \* You're a Liar \* and more.*

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*Lucille Ball has inspired and paved the way for many women in the modern comedy; including Ellen DeGeneres, Tina Fey, Amy Poehler and others. Lucille was one of the first women to run her own production company*

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*(Lucille Ball Productions - it came from Desilu Productions). Back in the days interracial dating was still taboo, yet Lucille Ball dated and married the Cuban-born actor, musician, and television producer Desi*

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*Arnaz. Lucille Ball was one of the first actresses to work on TV productions while being pregnant. Lucy's pregnancy would imply that sexual intercourse took place between husband and wife. During this era, it*

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*would have been offensive to have husband and wife even sleep in the same bed. It's insane. She went even further where Lucy gave birth to her son, Desi Jr. in the episode, "Lucy Goes to The Hospital" - this*

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*became a significant part of the American culture, and the episodes concerning Lucy's pregnancy reflected this. More people watched "I Love Lucy" that night than saw Eisenhower's inauguration as President of*

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*Lucille Ball was one of tv's  
foremost pioneers and, quite  
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*television. As a young contract player for MGM, Ball began her career as a Goldwyn Girl, moving up to become a moderately respected star of B movies. She came to television after nearly 20 years in film,*

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