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Forever Lucy Applause Theatre & Cinema

"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 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 Age.

Lucille Running Press Adult

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 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 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, learn and love this unique peek into the Lucyverse.

Lucy at the Movies iUniverse

(Applause Books). Although countless books and articles have been written about Lucille Ball, most people know only the surface details of her personal life and some basic facts about her popular television series. *Lucille Ball FAQ* takes us beyond the "Lucy" character to give readers information that might not be common knowledge about one of the world's most beloved entertainers. It can be read straight through, but the FAQ format also invites readers to pick it up and dig in at any point. Background information and anecdotes are provided in such categories as: People Lucy found funny; Lucy at home: her various residences throughout the years; Movie/television/radio/theater projects that never materialized; Lucy's off-camera romantic attachments. James Sheridan and Barry Monush go beyond the well known facts, making this an indispensable book for all Lucille Ball fans!

Loving Lucy Carol Publishing Corporation

First Published in 1997. Routledge is an imprint of Taylor & Francis, an informa company.

LIFE Lucille Ball iUniverse

Celebrate the woman who has inspired generations of fans with *Lucille Ball Treasures*.

The Lucy Book of Lists Harper Collins

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 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] 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 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*

I Had a Ball Random House Trade Paperbacks

Published to mark the 50th anniversary of the debut of the "I Love Lucy" show, this is an entertaining, informative biography of the funniest actress in TV history. Brady creates a rounded portrait of Lucille Ball, the actress, wife, woman and mother behind Lucy Ricardo. 55 illustrations.

Lucille Ball National Geographic Books

*Includes pictures of Ball and important people, places, and scenes. *Includes Lucille Ball's own quotes about her life 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 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 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 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 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 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 overwhelming beauty of her contemporaries in the entertainment industry, yet her infectious enthusiasm continues to endear her to the American public 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 an intangible quality that captivated audiences, who were transfixed by even the most banal plot sequences in her sitcoms. That Ball was 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. Indeed, even after separating from Arnaz, Ball continued to achieve high ratings on her subsequent programs, most notably *The Lucy Show* (1962-1968) and *Here's Lucy* (1968-1974). Without doubt, Ball's longevity and the magnitude of her popularity make her the most cherished comedienne in American 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 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 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) 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 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 the entertainment industry, mass culture, and the ways in which the American public consumed popular culture. Where Ball was unable to rise to 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 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 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 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 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 all.

Lucy Independently Published

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 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 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.

Lucille Ball Golden Books

The world knows her as the First Lady of Television, but Lucille Ball's talent also shone brightly on the cinema screen in over eighty films spanning five decades, most from Hollywood's glamorous golden age of the 1930s and '40s. *Lucy at the Movies* is a long overdue showcase for this area of the star's career, offering behind-the-scenes stories and essential information for every film in which she appeared. The pages are filled with rare photos of the beautiful young actress, many from her own first scrapbooks. Explored from her days as a showgirl through blonde, brunette, and "Tango Red" incarnations, from black-and-white through glorious Technicolor, this is a complete reference guide

and a tribute to a star and an era. "Lucy at the Movies was an enormous undertaking. But it's clear that it was also a labor of love. My mother would be very impressed and flattered . . . The value in this encyclopedia is the information on, not only the film career of Lucille Ball, but the way films were made. It's an invaluable history of the motion picture industry and those who first created it."--Lucie Arnaz

Lucille Ball: Actress & Comedienne iUniverse

This fall marks the 50th Anniversary of "I Love Lucy," Lucille Ball's legendary television show that has entertained millions. As part of the celebration. Packed with photos and anecdotes, an illustrated tribute to Lucille Ball.

Desilu Bluewater Productions

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.

Lucille Ball Treasures Penguin

This title examines the remarkable life of Lucille Ball. Readers will learn about Ball's family background, childhood, education, and work as the beloved comic actress on the groundbreaking television show *I Love Lucy*. Color and black & white photos and informative sidebars accompany easy-to-read, compelling text. Features include a table of contents, timeline, facts, additional resources, Web sites, a glossary, a bibliography, and an index. Essential Lives is a series in Essential Library, an imprint of ABDO Publishing Company.

Love, Lucy iUniverse

Help your little one dream big with a Little Golden Book biography about Lucille Ball--and find out why everyone loves Lucy! It's the perfect introduction to nonfiction for young readers--as well as fans of all ages! This Little Golden Book about Lucille Ball--television star, comedian, producer, and the first woman to own a major studio--is a celebration of a true trailblazer! It's a great read-aloud for young children, as well as their parents and grandparents who grew up watching and loving *I Love Lucy*. Look for more Little Golden Book biographies: • Betty White • Carol Burnett • Harry Belafonte • Julie Andrews • Dwayne Johnson

I Had a Ball ABDO Publishing Company

An unauthorized biography of Lucille Ball and her long climb to fame, her marriage to Desi and her personal and professional triumph.

Tribute: Lucille Ball iUniverse

As a movie actress Lucille Ball was, in her own words, "queen of the B-pluses." But on the small screen she was a superstar--arguably the funniest and most enduring in the history of TV. In this exemplary biography, Stefan Kanfer explores the roots of Lucy's genius and places it in the context of her conflicted and sometimes bitter personal life. *Ball of Fire* gives us Lucy in all her contradictions. Here is the beauty who became a master of knock-down slapstick; the control freak whose comic alter ego thrived on chaos, the worshipful TV housewife whose real marriage ended in public disaster. Here, too, is an intimate view of the dawn of television and of the America that embraced it. Charming, informative, touching. and laugh-out-loud funny, this is the book Lucy's fans have been waiting for.

Who Was Lucille Ball? iUniverse

Few people knew Lucille Ball the way Lee Tannen did. Lee first met Lucy as a child, but their close and enduring relationship began almost twenty-five years later. Now, Tannen gives us an intimate portrait of the "lost" Lucy years: from what life was like in her Beverly Hills and Palm Springs hideaways to how she traveled, what she ate, and how she entertained. *I Loved Lucy* reveals for the

first time the private face of a beloved star whose public persona is the most famous in television history.

Desilu Abrams

This stunning package offers a rich, intimate, and highly entertaining look at the remarkable life and work of the television pioneer, the First Lady of Comedy, the legend, Lucille Ball--AKA Lucy. Full of fresh perspective, gorgeously designed, and richly informative, this is a book on Lucille Ball like none other. With profiles spotlighting the many different facets of the woman, AKA Lucy details how Ball changed the face of comedy and the entertainment industry. It sheds new light on the star's history, from her childhood through hard-scrabble days trying to make it in show business, falling head over heels in love and embarking on one of the great romances of the twentieth century, to becoming the biggest star in the world, a pioneer in television, and an icon for the ages. Filled with photos and highlighted by bright illustration and design, this is a volume almost as vivid and entertaining as the woman herself. AKA Lucy is officially authorized by the estate of Lucille Ball and Desi Arnaz.

The Lucille Ball Quiz Book Macmillan

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 (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 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 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 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 the United States. Lucille Ball was not a typical housewife as you probably guessed. Historically speaking, she is the first woman in comedy, in every sense of the word. There were no other women in comedy before her. Lucille created this emerging trend to help other women get involved with comedy. At least the perception of it was still taboo. In this short biography, you are going to gain more insights of who Lucille Ball really was. The woman behind the legendary love story of television's most famous couple: Lucy and Desi. You'll also learn more about her personal life with Desi Arnaz, Gary Morton and her children. Lucille Ball was a very gifted performer and comedian. Nothing she did could ever match the enormity of "I Love Lucy." She left a legacy in a time when there was still so much laughter yet to come. If you want to learn more about Lucille Ball and her tumultuous life, grab your copy now!

Ball of Fire Time Home Entertainment

Lucille Ball was one of tv's foremost pioneers and, quite likely, the preeminent woman in the history of 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, gradually transforming from platinum blonde sex symbol to a wise-cracking redhead. Her first television program, *I Love Lucy*, premiered in 1951 and for the next 25 years Lucille Ball virtually ruled the airwaves in a series of situation comedies designed to exploit her elastic expressions, slapstick abilities and distinct verbal talents. A five-time Emmy award winner, the first woman inducted into the Television Academy's Hall of Fame, a recipient of a Genii Award and a Kennedy Center Honor, Lucille Ball was perhaps the most beloved of all television stars, and certainly the most recognizable.

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