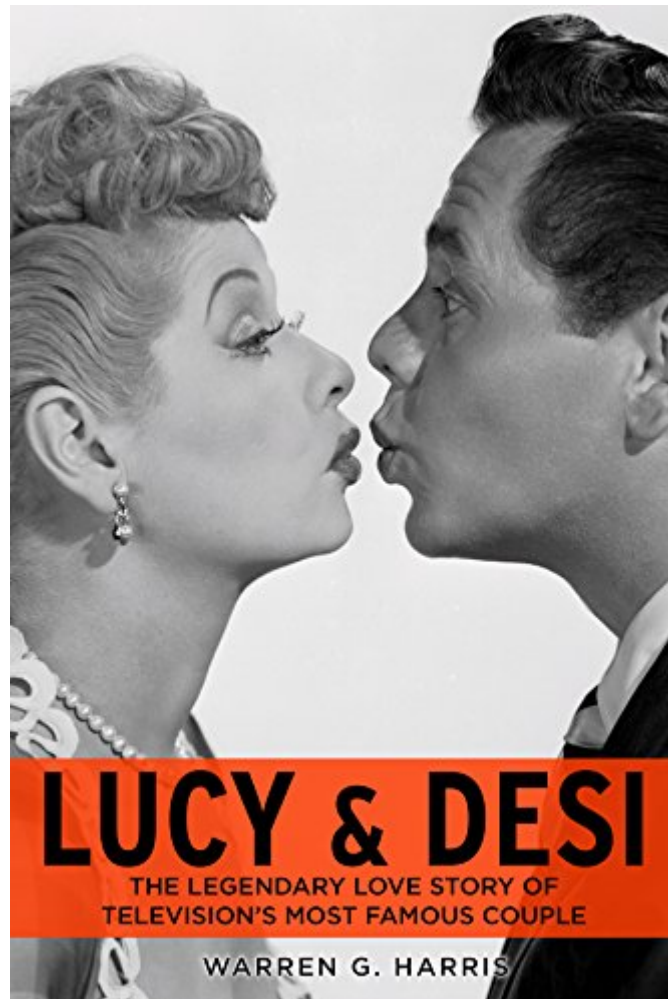


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After eight years on the air, Desi Arnaz did not love Lucy any more. On screen, they were dynamite—a comedy pairing more successful than any Hollywood had ever produced. But when the cameras stopped rolling, they fought, screamed and threatened each other more each season. Finally, an argument in Desi's production office turned violent. Lucy hurled a cocktail glass past his head, and Desi demanded a divorce. He moved out that night. After nearly twenty years, America's favorite couple was finished. When they first got married, no one in Hollywood thought it would last six months. Lucille Ball's acting career was on the skids, and Arnaz was just another Cuban bandleader. But together, their irresistible chemistry produced one of the greatest television empires of all time, and a love story as passionate as it was explosive.

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I got this book used for 0.01 cent, in pretty good shape. I've read an awful lot of books on 50's tv, on its stars and shows. In that quest I've read nearly every book there is about Lucille Ball. This book stands out because it's the one dedicated to both Ball and Desi Arnaz. The book covers both their

lives in detail most have already read in other books. What makes it noteworthy are the rather candid comments and original quotes from those who worked with and/or knew them on a personal level. That gives the book credibility, to anyone who has an interest in the subjects, and must be taken seriously. It's not 'fluff'. For my money this is probably the best biography written with Ball and Arnaz together. If you have an interest in either I strongly recommend buying this book. It provides realistic insight into their lives stands out from most of the others. At last count there are over 30 bios on Ball. They cover the entire range from fairly indept, critical, fawning to outright worship. However, there isn't one book about Arnaz (alone). Another very good book on the two, 'Desilu' looks at their studio and their lives. Yet, Arnaz plays second fiddle to his more famous wife. This book at least gives Arnaz a fair shake and treats him as an equal to Ball. It doesn't make him out to be the ruthless and drunken womanizing bad guy, nor does it varnish over Ball and turn her into the innocent victim. Harris lets us in on the inside stuff, to let us 'breathe the same air as they did when the events happened'. By being fair to both Ball and Arnaz we learn that both had a part in their eventual break up.

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