Lucy & Desi: The Legendary Love Story Of Television's Most Famous Couple

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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.
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 in interest in the subjects, and must be
taken seriously. Ot'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 pretty
realistic insight into their lives stands out from most of the others.At last count there are over 30
bio's on Ball. They cover the entire range from fairly indept, critical, fawning to out right
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 let's 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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