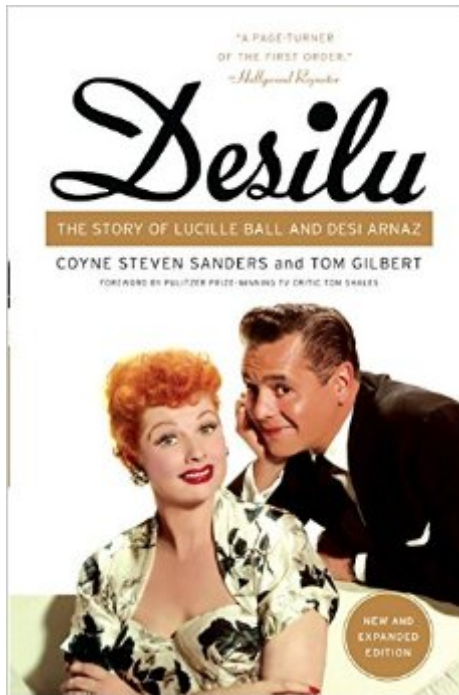


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# Desilu: The Story Of Lucille Ball And Desi Arnaz



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San Francisco Chronicle's "Excellent" Entertainment Weekly Updated and revised, *Desilu* is the classic insider account of Lucille Ball and Desi Arnaz's romance, collaboration, and success. Hollywood journalist Tom Gilbert and author Coyne Sanders, whose critically acclaimed books on *The Judy Garland Show* and *The Dick Van Dyke Show* offer unparalleled insight into some of classic television's greatest behind-the-scenes stories, deliver a captivating look at Lucy and Desi's on-and-off relationship, their creative melding of minds, and their rollercoaster ride of fame and fortune. *Desilu* is an inspiring journey back to the Golden Age of Television, and a winning, unforgettable look at one of TV's best-loved couples.

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All I have to say is: Run, don't walk, to the nearest bookstore and buy it! Personally, I bought it as a "vacation book" - you know what I mean-- one of those books you take on a trip with you for those times when there's nothing to do. Well, I could not put it down! It was insightful, hilarious, and unexpectedly touching and sensitive, even as it dealt with serious issues, such as Desi's well known womanizing and alcoholism, the marital disputes and subsequent divorce. Lucy turns out to be nothing like "Lucy", and it debunks the common perception that Desi was a no-talent riding to fame on his wife's coattails. Mr. Arnaz was never given the recognition he so richly deserved for revolutionizing television in its infancy to television as we know it today. For fans of the show- yes, it

chronicles the most famous sitcom in history with utmost precision, but the show becomes almost secondary when one realizes what these wonderful people gave up in order to GIVE us this show. Lucy and Desi started this whole thing because they wanted to be together, and it's ironic that the same show threw them together so much that faults and misdeeds were magnified to the point that it tore them apart. This is the best book about this phenomenon I have ever read, and I have read them ALL- no kidding. It even gives follows Desi and Lucy after the divorce, and through their second marriages to other people. Did you know that Desi and Lucy continued to speak by telephone every single night until his death? That Desi married another redhead who looked just like Lucy? That, even after the divorce, for the rest of his life, Desi still sent Lucy flowers on November 19, their wedding anniversary?

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