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Lucy A To Z: The Lucille Ball Encyclopedia



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Since iUniverse published the first edition of Lucy A to Z in 2001, a lot has happened, resulting in

this new, expanded and revised Fourth Edition published in January 2008, with pictures for the first time. Lucy A to Z has found acceptance in the hearts of Lucy fans everywhere, from The Lucille Ball-Desi Arnaz in Jamestown, N.Y. to all corners of the globe, thanks to the Internet. The author has been privileged to be welcomed into the Lucy community, and honored to meet Lucie Arnaz, actress Doris Singleton, Lucy's personal secretary, Wanda Clark, and her chauffeur, Frank Gorey, I Love Lucy's original film editor, Dann Cahn, and main director, William Asher, and so many others, who knew Lucy and/or worked with her...not to mention the fans, who are delightful. That's because all are tied together through love of Lucy and her co-stars. During 2001, after the publication of the first edition, Karol heard from fans who asked if the "next edition" could include more information on Lucy's co-stars. A trip to the New York Public Library for the Performing Arts and a look at the files on Lucille Ball and Vivian Vance convinced Karol there was much more information out there to be reported. A Third Edition followed, published in late 2003. Karol was fascinated by what the press and studios wrote about their stars, and how it filtered down to the public. He knew other fans would be interested, too, so many of the new entries came from publicity generated during the Golden Age of Hollywood. Karol's late friend and fellow author, Craig Hamrick, convinced him in 2006 to explore the idea of a Fourth Edition. Hamrick suggested reviewing all the information Karol had gathered since the publication of the Third Edition. When the author realized he had enough new material for another small book, he decided to go ahead with a fourth edition, and this time add pictures. The book has been totally redesigned to make it easier to read and find information. There are more than 50 new entries, and every original entry has been re-edited and, in many cases, changed or added to. There are 50 pictures, many of them exclusives, and many not seen for years (including the cover shot, a gorgeous Technicolor-like masterpiece by Harry Warnecke that is in the National Portrait Gallery). And the book has been made a larger size, 7.5x9.25 inches, to better reflect its larger-than-life subject. Even with all the changes and additions, the spirit of the fourth edition of Lucy A to Z: The Lucille Ball Encyclopedia remains the same: a celebration of all things Lucy, especially a look at how and why she brought (and continues to bring) so much needed laughter into the world, and what she has meant to several different generations...all arranged alphabetically. Now with pictures! Enjoy.

I say IS an amazing lady because she lives on in the      of all the LUCY lovers everywhere. There is always something to learn about LUCY. Just when you think you've researched, read and yes drove by her house when I was visiting Beverly Hills, there's always more to learn. This book was just updated again by her Personal Secretary. Highly

recommended. I also recommend DESI, an amazing read, available on . The story of his life is one of a brilliant talented Businessman, fantastically funny Actor, and father and husband fraught with drama and comedy. I am a fan of DESI also and have some of his music. His life as a child in Cuba to his death of lung cancer is a can't put down book. TO ALL THE LUCY DESI FANS. WHAT A STORY OF INTENSE LOVE For each other despite THE DEPRESSING TIMES.

I'm a huge Lucy fan, and this book was a real treat!

Lots of little known facts compiled so you can get them quickly without poring through dozens of other books.

This particular book should be bought in hard cover instead of an e-book. It is more of a reference book to be used when Lucy questions come up. As far as information it is jammed packed, maybe to much in one book.

If you have other books about Lucille and Desi, they would have the same information but this book is a great reference book. Their friends and people that worked with Desi and Lucy knows that they never stopped loving each other even both of them remarried. Now they are in heaven together again, their love just gets deeper and deeper.

This book has some really good information about Lucy and those who were associated with her throughout her career. It is a must read for any Lucy fan. Lots of information that I hadn't heard before. The encyclopedia format was a little difficult to adjust to at first but it made it an easy read that everything was organized by topic. Very interesting!

Fantastic resource on this gifted actress.

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