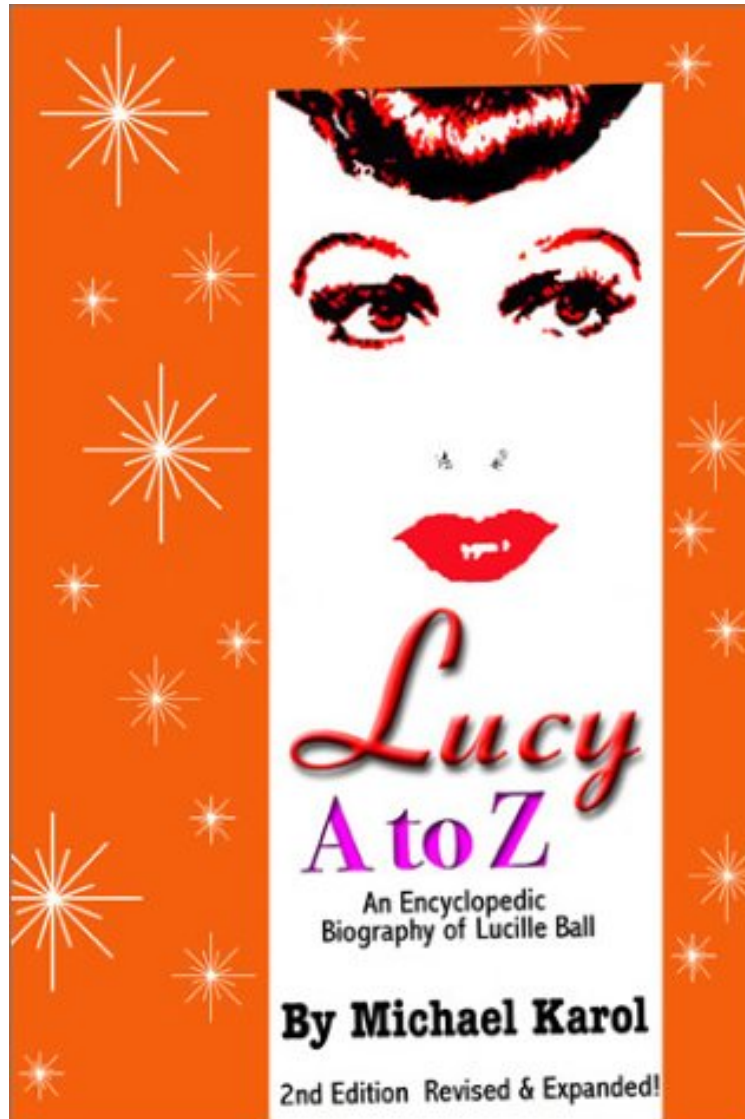


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Saul Fischer, writer, editor, Lucy fan Lucille Ball fans (and who out there isn't one?), rejoice! There's a new book out celebrating the life of the world's most popular comedienne, and in a format I've never seen before: Here's "Lucy A to Z." The year 2001 is the fiftieth anniversary of the premiere of "I Love Lucy," the world's most popular sitcom. But what more can be said about Lucille Ball's career? Actually, according to this book, quite a lot! The author has found a unique perspective, a format that differs from other Lucille Ball biographies that I've read, and one that encompasses both facts about Ball's life and the author's personal opinions. The one thing we Lucy fans have in common is a thirst for knowledge about Lucille Ball. The author has created an "encyclopedia" to satisfy that thirst. "Lucy A to Z" covers all aspects of Lucy's unique Hollywood career: she moved from model to showgirl to movie bit-player to supporting actress to Queen of the 'B' pictures, to radio star, television legend, studio head, and beloved American icon. Arranged alphabetically are entries covering the major aspects of Ball's life, her co-stars and her career. The "encyclopedia" format of "Lucy A to Z" makes it easy for you to speed to the topic(s) in which you're most interested. You may disagree with some of the author's opinions, but I always found them interesting. "Lucy A to Z" is a treasure of interesting facts, some minutiae, Lucy lists (of her TV Guide and other magazine covers, for example), a bit of biography here and there, even some haiku (Prepare yourself!). But ultimately "Lucy A to Z" celebrates Lucille Ball's real legacy: the gift of laughter. Highly recommended.

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Very valuable but don't buy it first.

By A Customer I enjoyed this book and was very informed by it. I doubt you can find more detailed background data about Lucille Ball's work (from the beginning of her career to the end, from stage to the big and small screens) and her (lesser known) co-stars and co-workers anywhere else. The problem is, I'm a new fan to Lucy and I wanted to read about her life in a more conventional way (where she was born, raised, her influences, her marriage, children, etc). Those types of books got such mixed reviews from fans that I thought I'd start with this one, which had only positive reviews. There is some basic bio in this book, but it assumes you know that type of information about Lucy. So I would just say: make sure you don't start with this book if you're a new fan. It's like getting to know her backwards (everyone around her instead of the star herself). This is definitely a book for seasoned fans who want to know "more."

If you think you know everything about Lucille Ball, think again! Lucy A to Z, is a unique encyclopedic guide to the life and career of Lucy, the most beloved comedian of our time. This second edition of Lucy A to Z is filled with newly discovered archival research and updated information, plus exclusive interviews; a new foreword by Lucys Number 1 Fan, Michael Stern; and details of the stage careers of the four I Love Lucy principals. A special treat: information on a lost Broadway play from 1963 in which one of the major characters was based on Lucille Ball: Nobody Loves an Albatross. Since its initial publication in May 2001, Lucy A to Z has found acceptance in the hearts of Lucy fans everywhere, from the Lucy-Desi Museum in Jamestown, New York, to the Loving Lucy convention in Burbank, California, and all points in between. The public has loved Lucille Ball for more than 50 years. This book is for those millions of fans.

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From the Author Author Michael Karol has found a unique perspective to honor Lucille Ball, a format that differs from a traditional biography. "Lucy A to Z" offers facts about Ball's life in a unique and easy-to-find format. And the public is in love with "Lucy A to Z!" Here are some reader comments: "I just picked up your book at the Lucy Burbank convention [Loving Lucy, August 16-19, 2001] and devoured it. What a delightful read! Thank you for the book and your Web site; I enjoy both immensely." - E. Diana "[Lucy A to Z] was a hit at the 'Loving Lucy' Convention. Sold out!" -R.W. "One doesn't normally read an 'encyclopedia' from cover to cover like others kinds of books, but you will find it hard to put Lucy A to Z down once you start. The brief but informative discussions of everything from Lucy characters and guest stars to details about her personal life are written in a fun and witty style. It makes you wish there was a book like this about every major television sitcom. There's no better source of Lucy stumbers than Lucy A to Z." -Thom Holmes, author of "Fossil Feud: The Rivalry of the First American Dinosaur Hunters" "Lucy A to Z" is a treasure of interesting facts, some minutiae, Lucy lists (of her TV Guide and other magazine covers, for example), and much more!" - S. Fischer Ultimately "Lucy A to Z" celebrates Lucille Ball's real legacy: the gift of laughter.