



1950s

Lucy and Desi form Desilu Productions with \$5,000 and *I Love Lucy* begins its historic domination of television comedy. The fictional birth of Little Ricky is telecast the same day in 1953 that Lucille Ball, in real life, gives birth to second child, Desi Jr.



1960s

The Arnazes divorce in 1960, with Desi selling his share of the studio to Lucy for \$3 million. The next year Miss Ball marries night-club comic Gary Morton, who becomes her executive producer.



1962-1974

Miss Ball goes solo, returning to the airwaves in *The Lucy Show* in 1962. Later, the show is redesigned and becomes *Here's Lucy*. Gale Gordon becomes her new sidekick.