

BEING THE RICARDOS



Release: 2021 Cert (UK): 15 Country: USA

Language: In English Runtime: 2 hour 11 mins Director: Aaron Sorkin Written by: Aaron Sorkin

Cinematography: Jeff Cronenweth

Cast: Nicole Kidman, Javier Bardem, Nina Arianda



There is one week to go before the first 'I love Lucy' show is due to air; will it be good enough for the audience? Lucille Ball is accused of being a Communist (this is 1950s America); will she be arrested? Desi Arnaz, her husband on and off screen, is accused of having an affair; will their marriage survive?

This is the background to this behind-the-scenes look at the making of (what turns out to be) a hugely successful sitcom. Written by Aaron Sorkin, famous for his amazing dialogue, and staring Nicole Kidman as Lucille Ball and Javier Bardem playing Desi Arnaz, this is amazingly a drama, not a comedy.

'Sorkin employs his trademark stylized and "Sorkin-ized" approach to the real-life foundation of material in "Being the Ricardos," a whip-smart, cheeky, sepia-toned reimagination of the story of Lucille Ball and her husband Desi Arnaz, whose groundbreaking 1950s sitcom "I Love Lucy" averaged an astounding 60 million viewers a week and to this day is hailed as one of the best and most influential TV comedies of all time' – Richard Roeper, Chicago Sun Times. 'Nicole Kidman is brilliant, if anything but funny, in Aaron Sorkin's writerly, behind-the-scenes take on I Love Lucy, with Javier Bardem as Desi Arnaz' – Simran Hans, The Observer

