

Desi Arnaz Quotes

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Joe McCarthy and his Senate hearings were like witch-hunts.

~Desi Arnaz

American people have the ability to laugh at themselves. It is one of the things that makes this country the great country that it is.

~Desi Arnaz

Everyone seemed to be doing well except me and my career. And my accent was no helping me any.

~Desi Arnaz

Good things do not come easy. The road is lined with pitfalls.

~Desi Arnaz

Motion-picture studio floors used to be all wooden and not smooth at all. This was difficult when moving a camera around on a dolly.

~Desi Arnaz

An actor who is good at comedy can also be very good at drama, but not necessarily vice versa.

~Desi Arnaz

Making a television show is not like making Coca-Cola or Bacardi rum. The human element in our business prevents us from finding a successful formula every time.

~Desi Arnaz

I learned a lot in those first years in Miami, while struggling just for survival, by observing my father's fortitude.

~Desi Arnaz

Drinking intensifies all your pressures and your needs.

~Desi Arnaz

Al Jolson was one of the greatest entertainers who ever lived.

~Desi Arnaz

My Latin temper blows up pretty fast, but it goes down just as fast. Maybe that's why you seldom hear of ulcers in Latin America.

~Desi Arnaz

I could have stayed home and been kept by my wife.

~Desi Arnaz

A single prop that does not look real to an audience can louse you up. The same is true of the smallest flaw in setting up the motivation in a story line.

~Desi Arnaz

The way the Army does things is sometimes a little strange.

~Desi Arnaz

If you don't know what to do, don't do anything.

~Desi Arnaz

One of my biggest problems with comedy was that I did not understand some of the jokes.

~Desi Arnaz

An audience is so important. I would never have had the guts to dub in that big a laugh.

~Desi Arnaz

The custom of my grandfather's day is still going strong in Latin America. American girls do not seem to understand it.

~Desi Arnaz

The thing I remember about New York was how little I felt. I arrived with

one small bag and \$15.

~Desi Arnaz

When I get in the sun I get very tanned. You can't tell me from the native fishermen in Hawaii or Mexico.

~Desi Arnaz

I don't think anyone can tell you what it is that makes you a star.

~Desi Arnaz

Real intellectuals like to escape once in a while from their world of intellect.

~Desi Arnaz

It was easy for viewers to identify with our show. The characters were believable.

~Desi Arnaz

I was the only male of the Arnaz family in my generation.

~Desi Arnaz

I was an only child, but I did have a hell of a lot of cousins.

~Desi Arnaz

I received my Greetings from Uncle Sam in May 1943. I applied for the Air Force.

~Desi Arnaz

Mother came to New York to keep house for me.

~Desi Arnaz

I learned a lot from Xavier Cugat.

~Desi Arnaz

The straw hat is the typical hat Cubans use. It's cool and keeps the sun away from your face.

~Desi Arnaz

Since I was very young I have always worked hard at whatever I have had to do.

~Desi Arnaz

The success of I Love Lucy is something that happens only once in a lifetime, if you are fortunate enough to have it happen at all.

~Desi Arnaz

It's really amazing that two people from such different backgrounds and geographical origins ever got together. That was perhaps part of the attraction.

~Desi Arnaz

In 1934 there were very few Cubans in Miami.

~Desi Arnaz

No one could ever argue with me about people in show business being kind of nice.

~Desi Arnaz

The Spanish and Cuban people have the same kind of wakes the Irish do. They go on for two or three days and drink a lot of booze and eat a lot of food.

~Desi Arnaz

I didn't know anything about acting, much less about acting in a comedy.

~Desi Arnaz

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