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HOLLYWOOD STAR CATE BLANCHETT TO PLAY LEGENDARY LUCILLE BALL IN BIOPIC

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Aaron sorkin is in talks to write the script. Jenna Block will oversee development of the project at Sony-based Escape Artists. No director or cast is attached yet. Aaron Sorkin wrote "Steve Jobs", which Universal opens October 9, and recently turned in the script for Sony's "Molly's Game" Escape Artists produced Jake Gyllenhall's boxing drama "Southpaw". He has penned usually male-centric TV and movie creations including "The West Wing", "A Faw Good Men"...

While the Internet was excited to hear news of a Lucille Ball biopic, many potential fans reached with skepticism about Aaron Sorkin' ability to write a feature telling a female story.

Cate Blanchett has won Academy award for "The Aviator" and "Blue Jasmine". She's starring in Todd Hayne's romance "Carol" which premiered in Cannes Film Festival, and will be with Robert Redford in the Dan Rather drama "Truth", which premieres at the Toronto Film Festival. Cate Blanchett is a popular choice, and the Australian actress is no stranger to biopics.

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