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# SEX, DRUGS THE PARTRIDGES

**Former teen idol David Cassidy starred as a clean-cut member of The Partridge Family - but he lived a secret life of wild promiscuity and drug abuse. As always, we've got the inside story...**

**C**assidy has revealed in a shocking new autobiography that he went to bed with TV sister Susan Dey, had a secret romance with Meredith Baxter, and used hash, mescaline, THC, speed, LSD and even heroin.

His revelations about his life as a teenage heartthrob come in *C'Mon, Get Happy*, published by Warner Books.

Now 43, and a Broadway star, Cassidy, who sold 15 million records, boasts that as a pop star he had sex with "hundreds" of groupies. He says: "Once I became really famous, virtually the only contact I had with humans was with women who'd wanted to have sex with me."

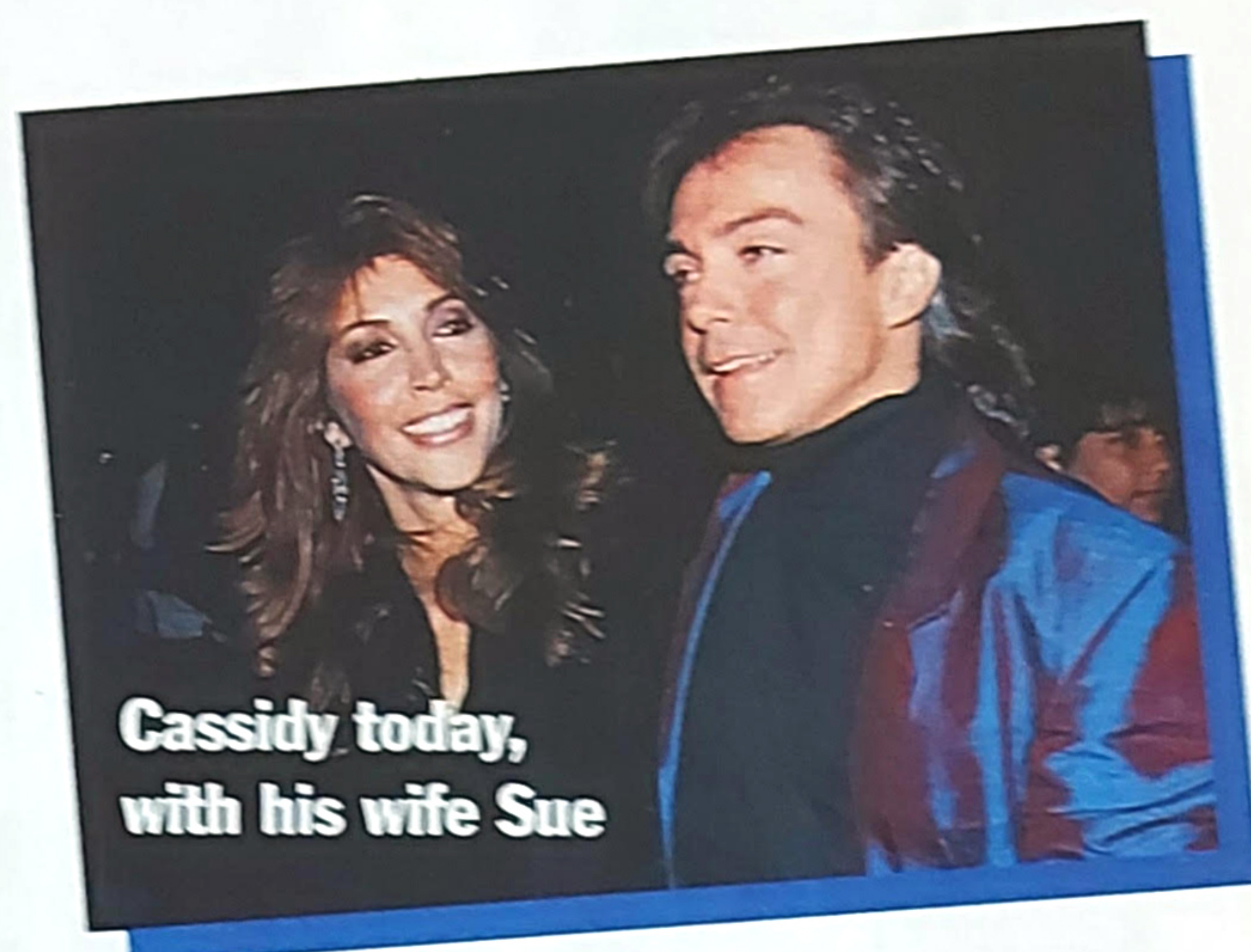
And Cassidy says part of the attraction for the groupies was that they'd heard he was very well-endowed. Barbara the Butter Queen, one of the most infamous of the 70s supergroupies, once checked him out and gasped: "Wow! You've got it all over Mick Jagger."

He says of the book: "It's the story of fear and loathing in The Partridge Family bus. I left that world behind, which is the only reason I can say I have a life and a career now."

"If not for my splitting, I'd be some sad guy playing a third-rate lounge. Being an idol with security guards is a terrifying phenomenon. If one person says they love you, it's staggering. But being in the eye of a hurricane on a concert stage with 70,000 people screaming they love you - that knocks you over."

"The book deals with what it's like to be 21 playing someone who's 16. I was not an innocent child."

David Cassidy in his prime  
- dig the groovy threads!



Cassidy today,  
with his wife Sue

## BEDROOM FROLICS

Cassidy said he and co-star Susan Dey had been best friends on *The Partridge Family*, a TV favourite from 1970 to 1974. Cassidy played Keith, and Susan Dey, who went on to star in *L.A. Law*, played Laurie. She was thin and of no sexual interest to him until, at 18, she moved in with a story editor and suddenly blossomed physically.

"Sexually I never had that hunger for her," he says. But the friendship briefly blossomed into romance when he

**"When some female comes up to your car with no bra on, a shirt open to her navel, showing off her chest and says, 'Hi,' you know what's going on..."**

turned to her for solace after his breakup with actress Meredith Baxter.

David and Susan were watching TV when he recalls thinking: "Susan's looking at me like, 'Let's go to bed,'" he says.

At first, he says, it made him uncomfortable to think about having sex with her, since they'd played brother and sister for so long.