

# A PARTRIDGE'S BAGGAGE

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**W**hen he agreed to write a book about his life, David Cassidy also agreed to tell the truth.

"When you agree to tell the truth about something," Cassidy says during a telephone interview from Philadelphia, "you've got to say 'I'm not going to tell a little lie here.'"

So, in "C'mon Get Happy . . . Fear and Loathing on the Partridge Family Bus" (Warner, \$11.99) we learn that former teen heartthrob Cassidy:

- once threw a cup of urine at some overzealous fans.
- did a lot of drugs.
- got kicked out of high school.
- went out to dinner with John Lennon and Yoko Ono.
- palled around with Don Johnson and then got blown off by the former "Miami Vice" star.
- got cut out of his father's will.
- had musical tastes that leaned more toward Jimi Hendrix rock than the bubblegum pop he was singing on "The Partridge Family" TV sitcom and on tour.
- is embarrassed to admit he started the puka-shell necklace trend.
- had a "semi-aborted sexual experience" with costar Susan Dey.
- slept around — a lot. (Regarding wom-

en: "I find them enchanting creatures. . . . I enjoy giving them attention," Cassidy says in the book. "The difference between me now and me in my early 20s is I enjoy *giving* a lot more than I enjoy receiving. Back then, I was more self-centered.")

Whew.

Cassidy became an idol when he was cast to play happy-go-lucky Keith Partridge on the 1970s ABC-TV series "The Partridge Family." For a

while, he was hotter than fire. Then the show went off the air in 1974. Cassidy See CASSIDY, Page 2F

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