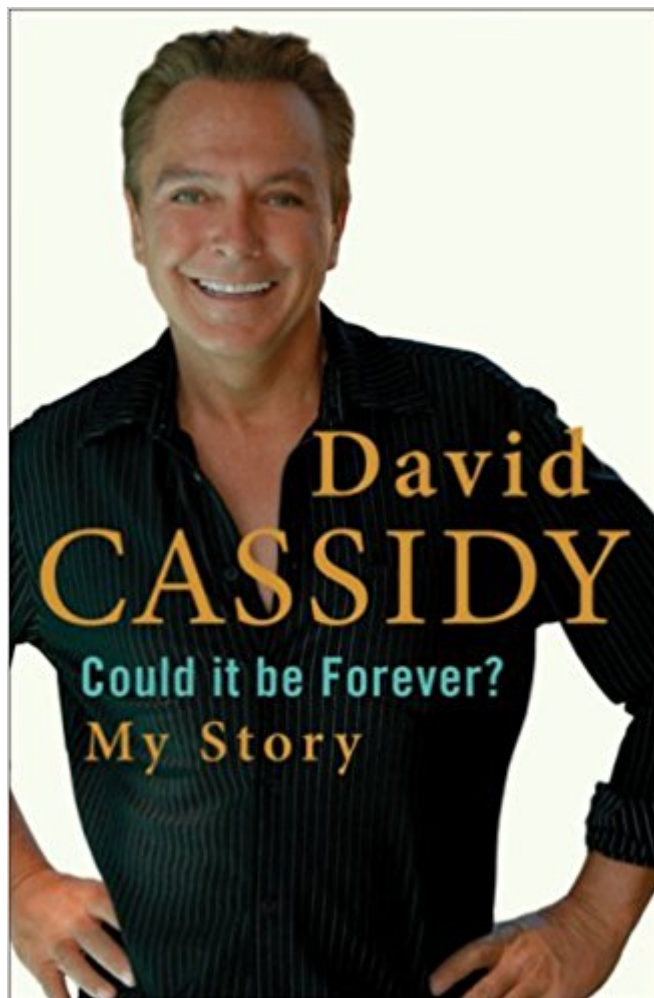


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# Could It Be Forever?: My Story



## Synopsis

In the early 1970s, when he was just 20 years old, David Cassidy achieved the sort of "teen idol" fame that is rarely seen. He was mobbed everywhere he went. His clothes were regularly ripped off by adoring fans. He sold records the world over. He was bigger than Elvis. And all thanks to a hit TV show called *The Partridge Family*. David Cassidy, in his own words, gives a brutally frank account of those mindblowing days of stardom in which being David Cassidy played second fiddle to being Keith Partridge. Including stories of sex, drugs, and rock'n'roll that explode the myth of Cassidy as squeaky clean, it is also the story of how to keep on living life and loving yourself when the fickle fans fall away. David Cassidy is also the author of *C'mon, Get Happy: Fear and Loathing on the Partridge Family Bus*.

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"Candid look inside a pop icon." *Library Journal* "Brutally frank." *Daily Mail* "The story . . . is often harrowing, as Cassidy details the terrible emotional, physical, and financial toll of the treacherous Faustian pact that is global fame." *Scotsman Magazine*

In 1970, after a brief acting career on Broadway and with various guest appearances on American TV shows, *The Partridge Family* catapulted David Cassidy to fame. At the age of 20, his face was on the cover of every teenage magazine. He became an international pop star. In 1974, his exhausting schedule took its toll on the quality of his life. After a 15 year absence, David has

returned to concert stages across the country and the world. He lives in Las Vegas.

I have seen the criticism that this is just a reprint of his 1994 autobio "C'Mon Get Happy: Fear and Loathing on the Partridge Family Bus". While it is true that a good portion of the material is taken from that, it's also an honest and fair observation that new material and insight in this more recent and updated version. There are 15 years separating the two publications and that is a lot of time to continue to contemplate one's life experiences and how they effect you. No doubt David continued, and continues to this day, to grow in insight and maturity as to how his past life impacts his present day life. That is clear in a reading of both of these versions. I can only manage a guess that those who come down hard on him are former, and perhaps embittered, fans who can't allow someone they worshipped the room for continued growth and maturity as they enter the later part of their life. That is sad and regrettable. If one is interested in the progression of a human soul on the path of enlightenment and healing, I recommend both versions. 15 years is a significant amount of the passing of time in anyone's life

This book is an updated and GREATLY sanitized version of 1994's "C'mon Get Happy: Fear and Loathing on the Partridge Family Bus." Most of the foul language and graphic details about sex have been removed, and for me, that made the book much more pleasant to read. Although I was initially disappointed when I discovered it was a book I'd already read, I enjoyed the photos, which are completely different from those in "C'mon Get Happy," as well as the added commentary by some of David's friends, family members and coworkers. As someone else commented, it does have a "whiney," "poor me" tone at times, but I found that understandable: Jack Cassidy was a horrible father, so it's no wonder that David grew up to have a lot of insecurities. And he definitely WAS taken advantage of by Screen Gems and other companies and people, and was totally unprepared for the huge fame he acquired at only age 20, so it makes sense that he was overwhelmed and became, by his own admission, "self-absorbed." I found it interesting to read David's insightful and well-articulated descriptions of how he could feel so lonely and unloved when he had thousands upon thousands of adoring fans. But as he explains, none of them knew the real him; they only knew the image of him created by fan magazines and their own imaginations. David seems less bitter about "The Partridge Family" in this book than he did in "C'mon Get happy," and I am happy about that. I was also happy that he eventually found true love with Sue Shifrin, and it saddens me that they eventually divorced in 2016. This isn't covered in the book, of course, but he said in an interview that his alcoholism is what caused the split. But I suspect that he was also unfaithful to

Sue. This book is a good cautionary tale about the pitfalls of fame, and I would recommend it to anyone who aspires to be a "celebrity" (which David did not want to be). Fame and celebrity are not as fun and glamorous as many people may think.

Can't help it. Just wanted to read his version of events. "Searingly honest account" so devoted fans beware. Though written off by many entertainers established at that time, David truly was a quite talented actor, songwriter, singer, Broadway actor, producer, writer, director of "The Rat Pack is Back!". It was refreshing to "hear" his version of the behind the scenes of that era. Would recommend to other David Cassidy fans.

I met David Cassidy at the age of thirty. He was promoting his latest song in the Fall of 1990. I grew up listening to his music and watching him weekly on the Partridge family. It was great meeting one of my childhood idols. He reminded me of his father Jack, very charming and he has his eyes and smile. I understood why he was a pop idol, he is magnetic. This book is so interesting that I didn't put it down until I finished. I'm happy he made it to his 60's. Life has its ups and downs, even for an ex-rock idol. Yes I still listen to his music, now converted to the iPod along with the Beatles, Elton John, CSN and all the other great music of the 60, 70 and 80's music. God bless you David. You made a lonely childhood interesting with your talent and made people very happy too!

One of my best friends has loved David Cassidy for ever so I wanted to give her a very special Christmas present for being there for me through a very hard year. I was looking for some music and saw this. Of course I got it in enough time to read it before her. It is so enlightening to see his life through his own eyes and to experience his emotions and thoughts and feelings. I am very glad I got to read it

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