

# DAVID'S MOST UNFORGETTABLE MOMENTS

There are moments in each of our lives that we're convinced we'll never forget. Moments so surprising, funny, sad, or tender that time will never erase their memory. David remembers many such moments...

He'll never forget the moment he stepped off the plane at Heathrow airport, when he came to England for his first tour of this country. There were thousands of girls screaming, laughing, crying, waving David banners... and generally letting their favourite star know just how they felt about him. "It was overwhelming," David recalls. "I had no idea there would be such a huge turn-out. I'll never forget the sight and the sound of all those fabulous fans... it was definitely one of the most exciting moments of my life."

One of the unhappiest moments he can remember is when he first learned about his parents' divorce. He was only a little boy at the time and he hadn't read the newspaper article about the famous actor and actress who were getting divorced. But he soon learned about it from well-meaning friends, before his father had a chance to explain the situation to him in words a young boy could understand. It's a sad memory to live with...

Who can forget love-at-first-sight? For David, the object of instant admiration and affection wasn't a girl... it was a house! He fell in love with his white house in the San Fernando Valley the moment he clapped eyes on it... even though he'd been to see many other larger, more lavish homes. But there was something about this one that caught David's fancy the instant he saw it... and he's never regretted his decision to buy it.

When David was seven years old, he had an operation on his eyes to correct the slight squint he'd had since birth. Naturally he was frightened, and for nine days after the operation his face was covered in bandages. During that time he was terribly worried that he would never be able to see again, but fortunately the operation turned out a complete success. It's not surprising that David recalls that as "the worst days of my life."

David's not likely to forget the turning point in his life, when he decided that he loved acting and was going to pursue it as a career. When he was a teenager he decided he wanted to leave California and go to Florida with some friends who wanted to form a rock group. David's mother, actress Evelyn Ward

didn't think he was ready for that, but she asked him if he wanted to try for a small part in one of the films she was making. David got the part—he was perfect for it. Even More important, David decided he adored acting... and from then on he was hooked!

When David arrived in London for his appearance on *Top of the Pops* last year, he had an experience that sounds like a star's nightmare. But David, with his terrific sense of humour, just laughs about it! "Someone had left my luggage in Los Angeles, so I had absolutely nothing when I arrived in London. I just had what I was wearing—jeans, T-shirt and sneakers. Oh, and I had a toothbrush..."

"But as soon as the jet landed, I had to be filmed for television, and I had nothing to wear! So they sent out and bought a white suit and it turned out to be miles too big. So there I was standing in the plane, with the cameras waiting, while about six people rushed around me making alterations.

"But it went off okay, and no-one could spot what had happened when the show went on television. It was crazy, though...!"

