

# SPEC LOOKS AT BOOKS

## BOBBY SHERMAN

**The Bobby Sherman Story** by George Carjogi Jr. is a must for all you true-blue Bobby-lovers. It explores the full range of Bobby's life from his childhood in Van Nuys, California through the cancellation of **Getting Together**. Many insights into Bobby's life are offered in this timely book. It's published by Pyramid and sells for 75¢.

## PF

If you haven't already, be sure to pick up on the **Partridge Family** series published by Curtis Books. Books 1 through 9 are available at your local bookstore or you can order them by sending 75¢ (60¢ plus 15¢ postage) to: H. McQueeney, Curtis Circulation Co., Post Office Box 1198, Philadelphia, Pa. 19105. P.S. As an extra bonus, if you order five or more books you pay only 60¢ per book!

## HEALTH

The best book on teenage health is **Teenage Fitness** by Bonnie Prudden. This fully-illustrated book is jam-packed with exercises and information on how to keep your body in shape. It's published by Harper & Row, costs \$7.95 and is well worth it... Another book for you fitness-freaks is **Bikes** by Stephen C. Henkel published by Bantam Books for \$1.25. This book tells you everything you need to know about your bike, rules of bike riding and includes some fun bike games for you and your friends to enjoy.

## GOOD READING

Get ahold of a copy of Nicholas Johnson's **Test Pattern For Living**, also published by Bantam for \$1.25. FCC Commissioner Johnson tells everything about survival in the corporate state from leading a fulfilling life to growing your own food. Throughout the book, quotes appear from such diverse sources as the **Bible** and songwriter John Prine.

## JUST FOR FUN

**Satan's Pets**, edited by Vic Ghidalia, is published by Manor Books and is available for 75¢ at your local bookstore. If you dig films like **Frogs**, **Ben** and **Willard**, you'll love the menacing menagerie of animals in this chilling book.

## OSMONDS GOLD

Hansen Publications **Osmonds Gold/Volume One**. This 88-page super-special songbook includes all the music and lyrics to each 'n every hit song, color pix and lots of candid shots as well! **And**, as an extra treat, if you order **Osmonds Gold** by mail, you get your **choice** of any of the five other Osmond songbooks on the market. These include: **Osmond Brothers Movin' Along**; **Merry Christmas To All From The Osmonds**; **Donny Osmond's Favorite Song Album**; **Osmonds**; **The Osmonds Homemade**. So, to getcha very own copy of **Osmonds Gold/Volume One** plus any **one** of their other song books,

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# AND RECORDS

show; **Killer Joe** also on MGM, by—guess who—little Jimmy Osmond! The littlest O-boy is stepping into the solo spotlight and has come up with a doozie of an LP. It includes his cute-sy pie single **Long Haired Lover From Liverpool** and lots more.

## BEST LPs

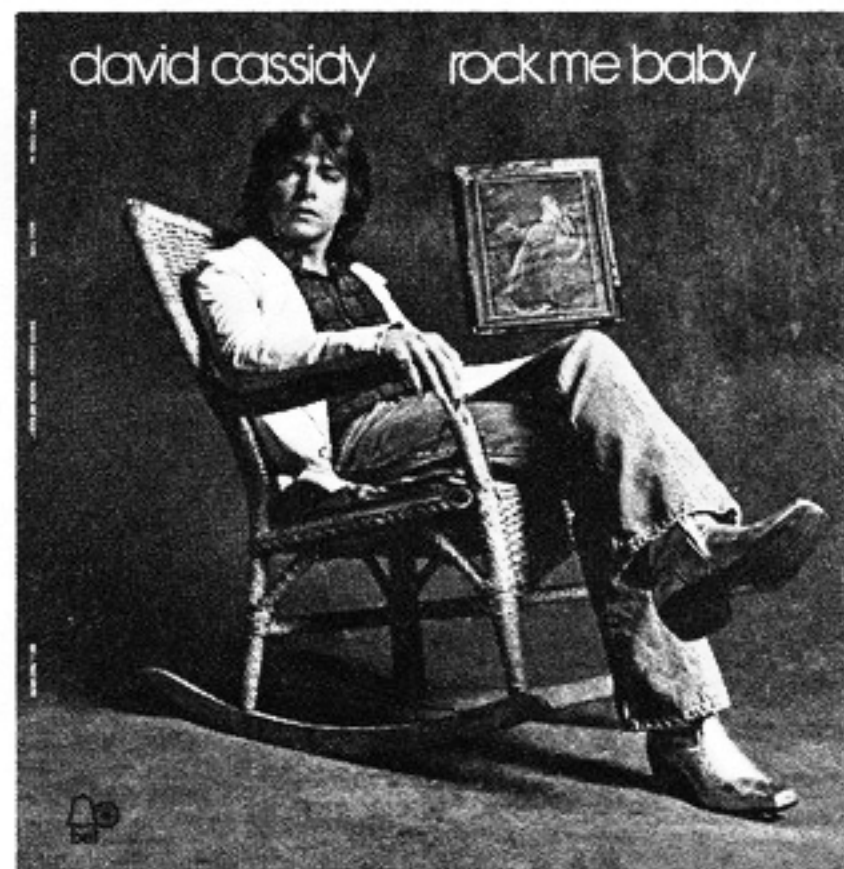
**Inside The Mind of Bill Cosby** by Bill Cosby—natch—on UNI Records. As usual, this comedian extraordinaire will have you in stitches. Well worth lotsa listens; The O'Jays **Back Stabbers** on Philadelphia International Records. These soul brothers have hit the big time—catch up with 'em; Jose Feliciano's **Memphis Menu** on RCA. Jose has an incredible knack for turning out glistenin'-gold records. This one's no exception.

## OUTSTANDING LP

John Prine's **Diamonds In The Rough** on Atlantic. Once again, this unequaled musical genius has come out with a gem of an album. His lyrics

## TOP PICK

David Cassidy's **Rock Me Baby** on Bell Records. David's latest solo LP includes the smash single of the same name as well as two songs he wrote himself, **Two Time Loser** and **Song For A Rainy Day**. Itza David-lover's delight.



David Cassidy's Rock Me Baby

## SUPER ALBUMS

The Band's **Rock Of Ages** on Capitol. This long-awaited double album is one of the Band's best efforts to date; The Kinks' **Everybody's In Show Biz** on RCA. England's perennial foot-stompin' rockers are up and at it again! Don't miss this double dynamite LP; John Denver's **Rocky Mountain High** on RCA. This country-rocker includes John's latest single **Hard Life, Hard Times (Prisoners)**. A must for Denver-diggers.

## RECOMMENDED LPs

Kenny Rogers And The First Edition have come up with two amazin' and beautiful albums on their new record label—MGM. One is **The First Time** and it includes the groovy single of the same name. The other is simply titled **Roll-in'**, same as their song-studded syndicated TV

weave their way into your thinking and your feeling. He'll tickle your funny bone in such songs as **Yes I Guess They Oughta Name A Drink After You** and **Everybody**, and you'll find yourself in tears on cuts like **Billy The Bum** and **Rocky Mountain Time**. John Prine is a mighty powerful man and will undoubtedly go down in history as a "poet of the times." Get to know him.



John Prine's Diamonds In The Rough