

Cassidy closes book on charm

DAVID Cassidy might have been a heartthrob in his "Partridge Family" days, but he didn't make many new fans during a recent book-signing party in Dallas.

Several hundred people showed up for the scheduled event, but Cassidy kept them all at arm's length – no pictures, no handshakes, no nothing.

He refused to put his John Henry on anything other than his most recent tome, "C'mon Get Happy," and insisted that the sometimes irritated fans put their name on a small Post-It so he could just copy it down rather than have to interact.

So it goes for personal appearances. – *BPI*