

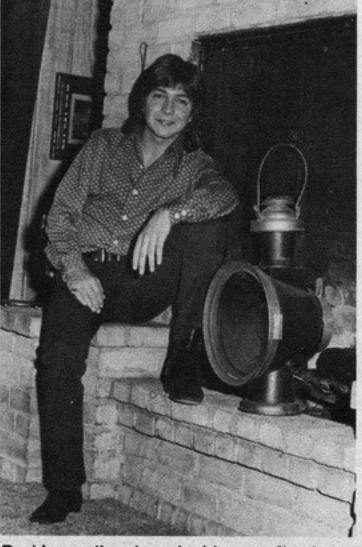
Look behind David Cassidy's happy smile, great personality and super good looks and talent. You're bound to find a lot more to him—including many deep and very private secrets. What are they? Read on, and you'll be the first to know...

1. David once ran away from home!

When David was about four or five years old and living in Rutherford, New Jersey, he had a very frightening adventure.

"Actually, I don't think I really meant to run away," says David. "It was more like I got lost. I was out playing with some friends and went around the corner to hide from the rest of the kids. When you're that young, though, you can get pretty mixed up when it comes to directions. So when they didn't come and find me, I just kept going—across the street, around another block and so on."

David's mother was very worried



David casually relaxes by his stone fireplace.

(frantic, actually!) when he didn't come home and he wasn't with the rest of the kids—especially since they lived near a river. She was scared to think what could happen to him. But finally the police found him and brought him home. And David promised not to go off his street again—at least not for a couple of years.

2. David used to be afraid of girls!

Like many high school boys just beginning to date, David had a certain fear of girls. Would they like him? Would they accept if he asked them out? Would he say and do the right things?

"I guess the whole anxiety bit is just a part of growing up," he admits. "It's kind of silly when you look back at it, but most people go through it."

Though David feels he's gotten over his initial fears to a certain extent, he does say he still gets a little anxious about girls and dating today.

"Sometimes," he continues, "I still