

# THE DAVID PARTRIDGE SUSAN

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## FOR SUSAN:

Dear Susan,

When you were younger, did you ever have the problem of looking older than your age? I'm 13 and stand 5'8", and because of it, a lot of guys who are 17 and 18 ask me out because they think I'm about 16! Can you give me some suggestions on how I should answer these guys? What do you think I should do?

Andrea Sullivan  
Irving, Tex.

Dear Andrea,

I wanted to answer your letter right away because I know how confusing your problem can be! I had a tendency to attract "older men" when I was young too because I was tall and looked older than my age. I guess that's one of the disadvantages to growing up fast, although we tall people also have our fun! When an older guy would ask me out, I'd just level with him about my age. There's no reason to keep it secret; in fact, it's even flattering that an older guy is interested! But I always felt that "honesty is the best policy," and I'm sure you'll also find that it works out for the best. But whatever you do, don't worry about being too tall for the guys your age. In the next few years they'll be sprouting up, and you'll have plenty of interesting guys to "look up" to!

Dear Susan,

I know you don't have all the free time you'd like, but what do you do in your spare time?

Candy S.

Dear Candy,

You're right—now that "Partridge Family" is being filmed again after a brief (but restful!) hiatus, I don't have as much spare time as I would like. But whenever I do have time to myself, I like to read and read and

read! I've always been a book fanatic, and can spend hours getting lost in the pages of a book! Besides being an interesting way to pass the time, it's educational too!

Dear Susan,

I have worn long hair before, but have recently gotten it cut. Some people say that long hair looks good on me, and others like it short. What do you think I should do? I'm asking you 'cause I consider you an authority on today's styles and fashions!

Claudette Boyer  
Sudbury, Ont., Can.

Dear Claudette,

I don't really think of myself as an authority, but I'll be glad to offer a suggestion! Since I don't know what you look like either way, it's really hard to say what hairstyle is most becoming. But why don't you compromise and keep it medium-length? That's always a pretty "safe" length for anybody! That way you can wear your hair curly or straight, or put it up or let it hang naturally. I find that my hair is a comfortable length, and it's neither too long nor short. Write back and let me know what you decide to do!

Dear Susan,

I'm 12 years old and the boy I'm interested in is 18. Do you think he's too old for me? I'll listen to whatever you have to say. But please make your answer quick and to the point. I'd like to hear your advice. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Catrina

Dear Catrina,

You wanted my answer to be brief and to the point, so I'll make it just that: I feel that an 18 year old boy is way too old for a girl who's only twelve. A six year age difference isn't that great if you're in your late teens or twenties. But you're not

