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DAVID CASSIDY'S LOVE SECRETS



IF YOU want to find out how David Cassidy REALLY acts on a date, how he REALLY treats girls and what he's REALLY like romantically speaking, who would you ask? A girl who dates him, of course. This is Judy Strangis—perky, very pretty and twenty years old. You see her every week as shy and quiet Helen Loomis on "Room 222." She's been in show business since she was just a little girl. She's been dating David Cassidy for a little over a year.

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"It's funny how we got together," Judy says, "because we knew each other a long time ago. My boyfriend in high school used to be best friends with David. So when we'd have an argument, David would be elected to call me and patch things up between my boyfriend and me. When we finally broke up for good, David and I lost track of each other. Then a year ago last June we bumped into each other at an ABC party held for everyone on the ABC shows. When we saw each other, he sort-of yelled *Judy!* and I sort-of yelled *David!* and then we hugged each other."

David took Judy's phone number that night, but didn't call her until two months later. At that time he invited her to a party Bell Records was having. Then in September, he called her again, after seeing the first "Room 222" of the season and then a "Dan August" she'd guest-starred in. They've been dating off and on since.

"David doesn't have that much time to date, actually," Judy says candidly. "I remember one night last summer when I was with him at his house. His two roommates, Sam and Steve, were there with their girlfriends, and we had a good time. But in the back of David's mind was the fact that he had to get up the next morning at 6:30 because a car was coming for him at 7:30 to take him to the airport. He was doing a concert in New Jersey that night, then flying back the next night. All week he'd be filming 'The Partridge Family' during the day and recording another album at night. So he doesn't have much time to relax and go out."

But when David does have a chance to relax and enjoy himself socially, what's he likely to do? And how will he act?

Chances are he won't go anywhere public. David always

was and still is a very private person. His idea of a fun evening is not a night spent with other people's elbows in his back. He'd much rather spend a quiet evening with friends at his house or theirs, or go for a drive. Simple things give him a lot of pleasure.

"David has one friend who plays practical jokes on him," Judy says. "One of his jokes was to fill David's bedroom with something like sixty helium-filled balloons! Well, he had a few people over that night and we began blowing up all the balloons again until we didn't know what to do because there were so many. We ended up playing with them, throwing them all around at each other. David really got a kick out of that."

It's not easy being David's date when he is out in public. It's almost guaranteed that he'll be recognized—and sometimes really mobbed.

"I was with David on the 4th of July," Judy confides, "at a friend's house on the beach. David and I were walking on the beach when he was spotted by some kids and their families. David was very sweet—he walked up to them and said hello. He could have walked the other way and tried to ignore them, but he's not like that."

Because Judy knows David for several years, she's able to compare the pre-"Partridge" David with the post-"Partridge" David.

"What's really nice about David is that he hasn't changed," Judy says. "David still has his old friends from high school, people like his roommate Sam. When David first became successful on the series, it would have been easy for him to wipe out all his old friends, to become a Mr. Casanova. But he's not like that at all. He's the same David . . . and he's really very nice."

Basically, David's a very honest person, according to Judy. He can't stand phony people, and he can't stand people who are only interested in the appearance of things. Judy's not the only girl David dates, but she's one of the few who have a show business background.

"David likes to keep his business life and private life separate," Judy explains. "When he's finished working for the day, he doesn't want to have to talk about show business all the time." She smiles and adds, "On the other hand, he sometimes needs somebody who understands why he's so busy or nervous about something, someone who goes through a lot of the same things he does."

Dating David Cassidy can be pretty hectic for a girl. And according to pretty and talented Judy Strangis, it can also be pretty nice, indeed.