

2 WAYS TO HAVE

by David

FUN Writing a story isn't as hard as it sounds. It can't be because I do it often, not for a reason, of course, but for fun. Usually something that happens to me goes off an idea, and then I've got a few moments I jot down a rough outline of the plot. I'm a bit when it comes to letting people read what I've written though. My spelling and grammar usually brings a smile to their faces even if the story doesn't. Another problem on the same theme is to write a story with friends. I usually start by writing the first paragraph. Then I pass it to someone else to give everyone the chance to write a few lines. The result can be a gas!

FUN Maybe it never occurred to you before that painting a room would actually be fun. It didn't occur to me either until I moved into my own house. I got workmen in to do all the decorating, and one day I went along to see how they were getting on. They seemed to be having such a good time sloshing on all those bright colours that I asked them to leave one room bare so that I could have a go myself. What with recording and filming I don't get much time for painting as well, so I decided to do it a little at a time. Although I started out with simple ideas of pale walls, it wasn't long

before I'd added a couple of trees and flowers, a big yellow sun and some butterflies. I really love that room now more than any other because it's so personal. By the way, don't forget to ask your parents first if you decide that you'd like to decorate your own room.

FUN If you've been riding before you won't need me to tell you what a fun thing it is. Horses are really beautiful animals, and if you treat them right they can be amazing friends, and at the same time provide you with a terrific sport. Riding along an empty beach at sunset might sound kind of corny. But who cares? If you ever get the chance to do it, don't miss out!

FUN I know you might think that having a bath is a ridiculous way to have fun, but if you spend as long in the bath as I do you can't deny that you enjoy it, too. What I do is run the bath nice and hot. Then I stick some bubbly water softener in and slosh it about till it all foams up. The final stage is to put a good record on the stereo and then—da-da—I get in good and slow until that lovely hot water is all the way up to my shoulders. It's great fun splashing around in a hot bath after a hard day's work—and also one of the best ways of relaxing.

FUN It seems that all the childish part of my nature must be coming out in this article. My next fun thing to do is certainly not what you'd expect from a guy in his twenties. But maybe that's because a lot of people tend to feel a bit ashamed of playing tricks and doing silly things. The sort of tricks I'm talking about are magic ones like the ones conjurers perform at kids' parties here in the States. I'm sure they do in your country, too. The one I'm trying to perfect at the moment is to place a playing card on my index finger with a dime on top. I guess you could use a penny. Then what you have to do is to flick the card away with your other hand and leave the dime balanced on top of your finger. Believe me, it's not easy!

FUN I know reading a book isn't an original way of having fun, but it sure works as well as any of my other ideas. The way I like to do it is to sink into a big armchair with a glass of cold milk in one hand, a sandwich in the other, and a good book in my lap. I can sit there

for hours and hours, but unfortunately I very rarely have enough time. What usually happens is that as soon as I get comfortable the phone rings or friends call round.

FUN Going round junk shops looking for bargains is always a good way to spend an afternoon. And you are all much luckier than me when it comes to this pastime because there are so many more junk shops in Britain, and so many more beautiful antiques.

FUN I got the idea for making a collage from an art gallery over here in L.A. It looked so easy I thought I'd have a go, and I was really pleased with the results. All you need to do is to save interesting pictures from magazines, and then stick them on to a board to form a design or a scene.

FUN Working out your horoscope is terrific fun but, of course, it's much too complicated to tell you how to do this in such a

MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

Clean up Candy Rose! No, that's wrong, what we mean Candy Rose wants you to start cleaning up! She's really environment conscious and thinks that now's the time to start making sure that we all play our part in keeping Britain tidy. What you can start by doing is parcelling up your old newspapers and magazines and leaving them out for the dustman. Also make sure that all milk bottles are left out for the milkman to collect. If by any chance he doesn't pick them up you can take the bottles along to your local milk depot. Anyway, our Candy has also found time to write two other features for you on page 27. One is about Queen—did you know the other Carmen. You may not have heard of the other Carmen, but they're a great rock flamenco group. Luv, PAUL.

YOUR SCENE

SUPER JIM

I'm a great fan of Donny Osmond, but I hadn't realised how many fans little Jimmy had until a seven-year-old girl who lives down my road asked me to save copies of *Mirabelle* for her. I asked her why she was so interested, and she just blushed and shook her head.

Letters

So I asked her again. And in the end she said very quietly: "I'm just crazy about Jimmy Osmond—and so are most of the girls in my class." So you'd just better keep on publishing pictures of Jimmy O. 'cos he's got a lot of fans in my neighbourhood! Gwen Lyons, Sussex.