

Cassidy now loyal to his 'Family'

David Cassidy,

onetime teen singing idol on *The Partridge Family*, has been trying for some 20 years to put that image behind him. Now, he says, he finds himself defending the show from critics.

"I've starting feeling over the last couple of years very protective of *The Partridge Family*," Cassidy said in *New York Newsday*. "People don't remember just how successful it was and what a well-crafted show it was for what it was."

Cassidy, 43, is writing a book about the show.