



"Find the laughter hiding inside of you."

THE HEALING EFFECTS OF LAUGHTER DESCRIBED IN JESTER'S TALE

The beloved son of a *Los Angeles Times* editor and a USC journalism professor, and the brother of a "Murphy Brown" producer, David Saltzman was destined for something great.

And the "something great" may be his beautiful and engaging book for children, "The Jester Has Lost His Jingle." David began writing this story of a king's jester who teaches an entire kingdom the importance of laughter a year before he was diagnosed with Hodgkin's disease. And the search for laughter suddenly became terribly relevant to his life.

David had chemotherapy and radiation while he was a senior at Yale. But he also made straight As, drew cartoons for two newspapers, and described the year as "the best year of my life." When he graduated magna cum laude he was in remission. But there was a recurrence, and he had to hurry to finish the book that he wanted made available to children fighting cancer and other serious illnesses.

When David died at age 22, his family was determined to make the book David's legacy. The Saltzmans put their very home at stake to publish it themselves.

The Saltzman family, in collaboration with a parents' support group at Jonathan Jacques Childrens Cancer Center, a Childrens Cancer Group hospital in Long Beach, California, has created a special fund that will provide copies of the book for children with cancer.

CCG Group Chair Archie Bleyer, M.D., enthusiastically supports the "Jester" project. "Good cheer and

laughter are often the best medicine. And our young patients deserve the best." Orders for "The Jester" can be placed by calling (800) 9-JESTER.

Benefactors are being sought to finance future distribution to children in need of the book's message.

And what is that message? "Find the laughter hiding inside of you." And laughter is perhaps the best legacy anyone can leave. ♥

Author and illustrator David Saltzman wanted his book to be made available to children fighting cancer and other serious illnesses.

