

Iggy Pop "Last for Life" DVD (ABC Entertainment) This '86 documentary is about as good as you're gonna get with Iggy DVDs. While not as devastating as the best concert DVD could be (most aren't, though the Stooges reunion DVD was close) this is far more fascinating. Utilizing tons of archival footage dating back to film of the earliest Stooges shows, and a great Iggy talk show interview, and ridiculous snippets of lunacy from the 60s, 70s and 80s, this would have been stellar if the filmmakers didn't do anything. But instead they conducted extensive casual interviews where Iggy is relaxed, articulate, and hypnotic. A seemingly insulting moment where the interviewer plays a tape of "No Fun" and asks Iggy to tell about it is great, with Iggy demonstrating how he modeled the vocal arrangement and progression on Johnny Cash's "I Walk the Line." He has always been a mensch in my book because he never lost his regular-guy Michigan speaking voice, as a man with his arty airs could have gone for the fake British accent like Madonna and Tina Turner decades ago. The cherry on top, and a fine tribute to a fallen friend, is the inclusion of Ron Asheton, back in Michigan, downing beers and telling Stooges stories without bitterness. This is a real gem.