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THE KINKS
YOU REALLY GOT ME: THE STORY OF THE KINKS
(ABC Entertainment)
BY DAVID MANSDORF

The goal of this DVD is rather straightforward: to present a history of the Kinks, interspersed with live performances from their great catalogue of songs. It seems like it would be a pretty easy DVD to make interesting, especially for a band like The Kinks, whose story hasn't been milked as dry as some of their contemporaries, like Bob Dylan, The Beatles, The Rolling Stones, The Who...etc. Somewhere things went terribly wrong. Most of the 90 minutes runtime is pissed away with grainy live footage, taken largely from two shows - one from the band's early days and one which appears to come from somewhere from the turn of the 1980's. Things only get worse when the announcer shows up to voice-over some band history in what might be the most grating voice in professional broadcasting. Perhaps the worst part is that the voice-over content is chronologically mismatched with the footage on screen. For example, when discussing the Kinks mid-1960's ban on touring in America, footage of the band from the 1980's is shown on-screen and the song "Celluloid Heroes" - from 1972 - is played. Chronological accuracy hasn't been this disrespected since the plot of "Timecop". Although it may be subtitled "The Story Of The Kinks", it's almost impossible to learn anything from this poorly constructed rip-off.

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