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DVD Spotlight

The Kinks, "You Really Got Me: The Story of the Kinks" (ABC/MVD). 2 stars.

When news of this DVD initially rolled out, it triggered plenty of excitement, as the Kinks are one of the few great British bands whose history has not yet been thoroughly well documented.

Unfortunately, the actual product proves to be a disappointment. Yes there is plenty of relatively rare footage of the Kinks playing some of their best material, but a lot of the video quality is grainy and/or washed out, most of the audio is awful and the whole thing comes across as some multi-generational bootleg hand-me-down VHS tape that someone quickly transferred to a homemade DVD.

The Kinks deserve better and so do you.

If none of those shortcomings bother you, then you'll still find something to like in versions of such Kinks' classics as "You Really Got Me," "Victoria," the rare "Death of a Clown," original videos for "Come Dancing" and "State of Confusion" and more, including a handful of interviews with Ray Davies and his mates.

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