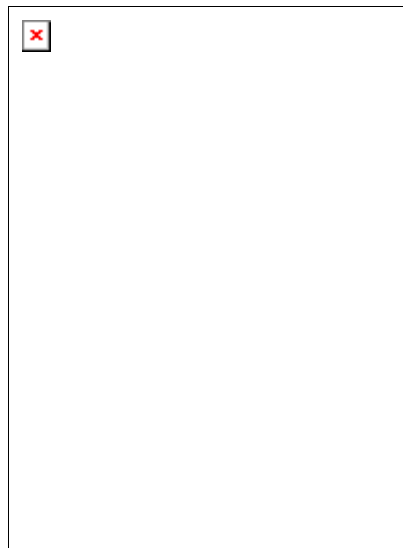




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Guns N' Roses

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Guns N' Roses are one of the most legendary bands of all time. While artists like Iron Maiden, Motley Crue, Def Leppard, and others have released album after album while struggling to fill mid-size venues, Guns N' Roses haven't released an album in over a decade and continue to sell out nearly everywhere they go. Did I mention that they haven't released an album in over a decade and only released 2 albums with the "classic" line up? Stop and think about it. It's impressive to say the least.

The latest set of documentaries to be released on this nearly mythical band includes two previously released documentaries, boxed together. This set includes "Guns N' Roses: Sex, Drugs and Rock and Roll" and "Axl Rose: The Prettiest Star."

"Sex, Drugs, Rock, and Roll" focuses more on Guns N' Roses' formative years. It features a lot of interesting interview footage with ex-members of Hollywood Rose and the various other bands that would eventually disband to allow the core of Guns N' Roses to come together. Hollywood Rose's manager (looking a bit aged and more than a little haggard if I dare say so) has a lot of interesting tidbits that aid you in piecing the complex puzzle that is the beginnings of Guns N' Roses together.

"The Prettiest Star," as you may have guessed, focuses more on the great enigma known as Axl Rose. It documents his journey from skinny Midwest adolescent to a full fledged rock and roll god that still plays the game like the bands in 1986 did. Few stick to the old rule (ie Rock and Roll is about women, attitude, and partying) but Axl does it with a swagger that makes you genuinely miss people acting like pricks. This documentary cements the fact that Axl is a complex individual that is, quite simply, larger than life.

Of course, as any good Guns N' Roses documentary would do, both DVD's speculate on the oft rumored Chinese Democracy album, as well as who may or may not be playing/have played on it. Time will tell if Guns N' Roses still have it, or if the new material even exists for that matter. For now though this is what we have and if you are a die hard fan of Guns N' Roses they are a fascinating journey to rock and roll royalty through the eyes of those they stepped on to get there.

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