



"The Golden Years 1962-1978," Bob Dylan (Chrome Dreams/MVD),

This July 7 two-DVD set was previously released as "Tales from a Golden Age" and "After The Crash," one of which was previously reviewed in this column. They contain no actual Bob Dylan performances or recorded music, but are dominated by talk - by critics, former friends and acquaintances, and fellow music business personnel.

Disc one concerns Dylan's childhood and youth in Minnesota, his musical beginnings, his interest in folk music via the music of Woody Guthrie, his early days in New York and eventual superstardom with his own brand of folk-rock, including an electric band that later became The Band. It winds down after the 1966 motorcycle accident, where disc two begins. That disc details the years from the accident until his conversion to fundamentalist Christianity in the late 1970s.

Thus, while they're interesting, they're somewhat dry in nature. In other words, get this set if you're a Dylan junkie. It should be available at local music/video stores, or online at www.mvdvisual.com.

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