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Queen – DVD Collectors Box Set is a repackaging of two older unauthorized documentaries (*Magic Moments* and *Under Review*) on the classic British band who dominated the 1970s and 80s with their theatrical brand of arena rock. They both give an depth look in to all aspects of Queen’s lengthy career, dissecting seemingly every note the band ever played (with lengthy looks into Queens’ extensive catalog), coming to the conclusion that without Freddie Mercury Queen would have been remembered as King Crimson. *Under Review*, which is the stronger of the two documentaries, does a great job of providing a deeper understanding of Brian May’s unique guitar technique, taking time to breakdown and analyze how he achieved the sound and tone for many of Queen’s classic songs (who knew he used an old British six-pence coin as a pick?). The live performances are great, many of them never before seen, but they are at times few and far between. This collection is not everyone; it is for the devoted hardcore Queen-head or the music geek who wished they had a ten-minute in depth look into the writing of “Killer Queen” or “Bohemian Rhapsody”. If you have ever needed that then this collection is for you.