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Iron Maiden DVD Collector's Box (Unauthorized)



Unauthorized documentaries are definitely a hit or miss and since they are unauthorized, the DVD's generally don't contain any music from the artist. That being said, there some positives to this scenario, because this format is usually more revealing and gives more insight on the band that it is covering. Being a sucker for documentaries, authorized or unauthorized, I was excited to find the recently released *Iron Maiden DVD Collector's Box (Unauthorized)*.

This is a pretty cool package, which includes 2 DVD's: *Iron Maiden and the New Wave of British Heavy Metal* (Previously reviewed on the site) and *Iron Maiden Legacy of the Beast Unauthorized*. Both DVD's

follow the same cookie cutter type format, including interviews with former Maiden lead vocalist **Paul Dianno** and former guitarist **Dennis Stratton**. These guys seem to be making a good living contributing to these docs. The DVD's also include interviews with journalist, DJ's and friend's of the guys back in the day. It is cool hearing all of their stories and insights on the band from back in the early days.

Unfortunately, the DVD's fall a little short with the lack of footage and music from the band. It is an interesting view, which gives you a behind the scenes look at the band without hearing from anyone in the current line up. My biggest critique of this box set is with the packaging, because it is a little misleading; in that it features photos of the current line up. The main focus of these DVD's is on the earlier incarnations of the band and those are the photos that should be predominantly shown. Other than that not a bad snag.



Bottom Line: *Oodles of information on the early days of Iron Maiden and the NWOBHM. Not authorized, but still good information from the folks that lived it.*

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