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## Janie's Bookshelf

John Belushi: His Final 24 Hours  
Glen Salzman & John Vandervelde, producers  
MVD Visual  
H-840 North Circle Drive,  
422 Business Center, Oaks, PA 19456  
B003BWQDE6 \$14.95 [www.MVDvisual.com](http://www.MVDvisual.com)

John Belushi: His Final 24 Hours is part of a documentary series released by MVD Visual and Cineflix International. Through stills, film footage, interviews, and reenactments, each volume in the series tries to discover exactly what happened to a celebrity during the last twenty-four hours of their lives and what factors brought them to their fatal ends, including brief biographical information that has a bearing on their deaths.

In John Belushi: His Final 24 Hours, viewers get a glimpse of Belushi's private life and his comedic genius. He is compared to Buster Keaton and Charlie Chaplin, both of which were masters of slapstick. The DVD also reveals the extent of his heavy drug habit. Interviews by those closest to him, especially his wife Judy Belushi-Pisano and his best friend Dan Aykroyd, show a human side to this icon and how they had

to work to keep Belushi drug free. But insights by Dr. Drew Pinsky reveal the depth of Belushi's addiction and how an addict behaves. This information positioned along side of statements by people who worked with Belushi during the 70s reveals a much different attitude toward drugs than we have today.

John Belushi: His Final 24 Hours is a tasteful rendering of John Belushi's life without any sugarcoating. It is frank and yet sensitive and offers something deeper than a tabloid expose of Belushi's last days.  
Very well done.

*Janie Franz*  
Reviewer