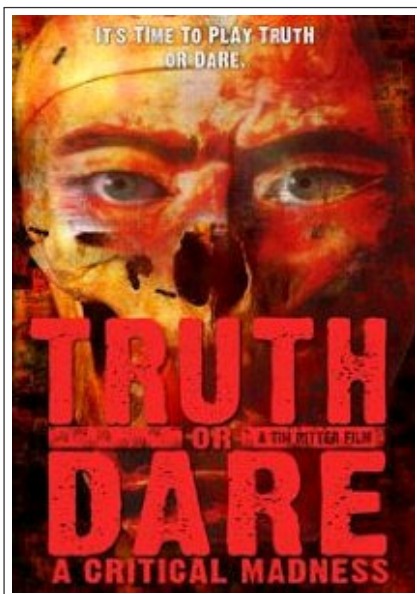


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DVD Review: Truth or Dare?: A Critical Madness (1986)

When I received this dvd in the mail for review from MVD Entertainment, I didn't know what to expect. I'd never heard of the film before, despite the accompanying press materials touting it as an "all-time horror classic!" and "one of the top 13 slasher movies of all time!" As I looked at the case, I started to get worried. The DVD cover was red flag #1--the skullface/crazyeyes



photoshop job, the cartoon ants, the notebook-paper-on-fire copy background. That copy was red flag #2, as the flick's main selling point seemed to be that it "Includes a special performance from a young A.J. McLean of The Backstreet Boys!" Add the fact that there were no actual production stills anywhere to be found, and well, parishioners, perhaps you'll forgive me for having been a little doubtful about the quality of the film I was about to view.

The good news is, I shouldn't have been. Made near the beginning of the straight-to-VHS horror boom of the 80s, Tim Ritter's 1986 effort *Truth or Dare?: A Critical Madness*, delivers more than just two punctuation marks in a row--it's got **unintentionally hilarious plotting**, **wonderfully budget-challenged gore**, **totally committed performances from semi-professional actors**, and enough **off-the-wall skewiness** to keep any mad movie fan entertained throughout. Plus it's got that charming sincerity and passion that lifts some films above the merely bad into the rarefied realm of the **glorious failure**.

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