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"A sinister cabal of superior writers."

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By the time "Lovely Rita" turns out to be a young Heather Mills who lost her leg in the 1966 car accident which purportedly killed Paul, and she subsequently blackmails "Fake Paul" (or "Faul") into marrying her — any minuscule shred of credibility this film may have had is tossed completely out the window.

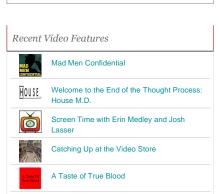
I mean, we all know that Heather was kind of a bitch and all — but was she even alive in 1966? And as an adult to boot?

Things get a little less tasteful when the deaths of both Harrison and John Lennon are attributed to the ongoing "Paul Is Dead" coverup. And in the case of John Lennon, I can almost buy into it - though not for any conspiracy theory involving the supposed death of Paul McCartney. Lennon's assassination enters into more something like the Manchurian Candidate realm — at least if you actually subscribe to that sort of thing.

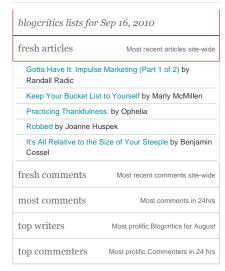
But for the most part, this is where Joel Gilbert's Paul McCartney Really Is Dead crosses into becoming something truly ridiculous. That said, as long as you don't take it too seriously, the premise here is sort of entertaining, in a darkly humorous sort of way.

I also have to admit that it had me kind of going for a minute there. Just don't tell anybody, okay?

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Paul McCartney Really Is Dead: The Last Testament of George Harrison

Release date: 2010-09-01 Running time: 95 minutes

Publisher: Highway 61 Entertainment

In the summer of 2005, a package arrived at the Hollywood offices of Highway 61 Entertainment from London with no return address. Inside were two mini-cassette audio tapes dated December 30, 1999 and ...

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I just saw the film at a free screening. Anyone in the audience over 30 was laughing and shaking their heads. However I object to the fact that this movie is an uncredited rip-off of two books that detail the true origins to the "clues" about Macca's supposed death- "The Walrus Was Paul" and Turn Me On Dead Man." Pick up one of these two books and don't give this jerk a penny. I hope he gets sued.

2 - Davido

Sep 11, 2010 at 7:51 am

I'm over 50 and remember all too well the "Paula Is Dead" hoopla. I never bought it then. What a croc!

3 - Greg Barbrick

Sep 11, 2010 at 10:43 am

I don't know. "The Girl Is Mine" with Michael Jackson, Give My Regards To Broad Street, the marriage to Heather Whatsername?

Are you sure this isn't a Paul imposter?

4 - Glen Boyd

Sep 11, 2010 at 7:01 pm

I'd bet you my copy of Duran Duran's Arena to your Band On The Run that he was no imposter...questionable artistic choices notwithstanding of course.

-Glen

5 - JC Mosquito

Sep 11, 2010 at 8:49 pm

I almost bought this at my local WallyMart tonight, til I remembered that Paul only went missing for years, finally coming back just in time to replace his replacement and record the wunnerful Flaming Pie album.

6- Glen Boyd

Sep 11, 2010 at 8:54 pm

Ha! Yeah he's made a few good ones since too..."Memory Almost Full" and that Fireman record are both pretty decent. Not bad at all for a dead guy...

-Glen

7 - Glen Boyd

Sep 11, 2010 at 9:00 pm

By the way, you're telling me the DVD distributor actually got this into WalMart?

Having worked for smaller indie type labels in the past, I'm fairly stunned if that's true...WalMart is notorious for being pretty picky about what they'll actualy stock. That is, unless you're just trying to sell me a story similar to the one presented in this film...

-Glen





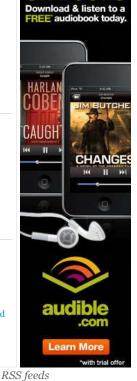
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