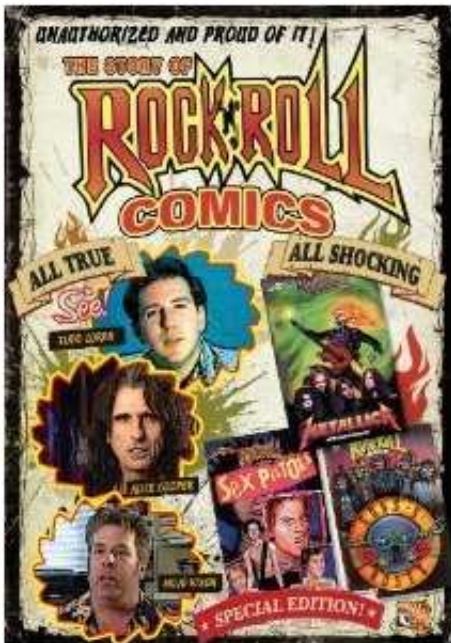


Unauthorized: The Story of Rock 'N' Roll Comics



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Unauthorized: The Story Of Rock N Roll Comics charts the short and controversial life of publisher Todd Loren, whose scandalous series of unauthorized comic book biographies of rock stars enraged and sometimes charmed his subjects, provoked numerous lawsuit threats from the likes of Bon Jovi, Guns N Roses and Skid Row, and eventually lead to a landmark First Amendment case, all before he was savagely murdered in 1992. Includes first hand accounts from many of the artists and writers who were inspired and exploited by Loren, along with interviews with Alice Cooper, Mojo Nixon and more.

Our Take:

Unauthorized: The Story of Rock 'N' Roll Comics is an interesting documentary about a guy who tried to change the way music and comics did business. I wasn't overly familiar with the comic brand and found the story more interesting than the man himself, Todd Loren. Todd came across as a total egomaniac and hmm... nicest way to say it... um butt-hole? He never wanted to pay for work and tricked artists and writers into selling away their work that only he had ownership too. He didn't understand why musicians and other people might have a problem with him using their likeness, their story, their logos and artwork without paying them for it. That's not the First Amendment brother, that's trademark infringement.

That being said, the story itself is rather intriguing. His company grew and eventually gained recognition where musicians (like KISS) searched them out and gave them the right to make comics. Loren was brutally killed and if he hadn't been murdered who knows where the company would be today especially with comic nerd-dom being "in." Killed almost 20 years ago, his killer is still unknown and some believe it was Andrew Cunanan, the serial killer who killed Versace.

Special Features:

- Alternate and Extended Interviews
- TV Clips
- Commercials
- Trailers
- News Stories
- Revolution Comics/Rock 'N' Roll Comics Cover Art Gallery
- Liner Notes From Rock 'N' Roll Comics Co-Creator Jay Allen Sanford

Conclusion:

Unauthorized: The Story of Rock 'N' Roll Comics is must watch if you are into comics, music or anything like that. With past interviews, new interviews with guys like Alice Cooper, archive footage and pictures of their comics, I found the documentary very interesting despite not liking Todd Loren in the slightest. It's also loaded with bonus features.

RECOMMENDED!

Overall Picture:

Movie: **B+**

Extra Features: **A**

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