

# Circle Jerks: My Career as a Jerk



(<http://www.dvdsnapsnot.com/wp-content/uploads/2012/10/MyCareerasaJerk.jpg>) **Official Synopsis:**

From the beginning, LA punk band the Circle Jerks were rooted in controversy. Formed by ex members of Black Flag and Red Cross (now Redd Kross) in late 1979, the band came to encapsulate the image, sound and energy of California Hardcore Punk. Filmmaker David Markey (1991: The Year Punk Broke, The Slog Movie) mixes in-depth interviews, rare live footage and historical perspective to illustrate the story of one of the most influential bands in the American underground. My Career as a Jerk follows the band from their early days and classic debut to navigating the independent label and touring scene of the 80s to the addictions, fights and injuries that forced their break up. Of course the story doesn't quite end there.

## Our Take:

**Circle Jerks: My Career as a Jerk** is a very intimate look at the career of the band and its members. I had only heard of the band, but couldn't tell you any of their music and after watching this I won't go out and buy any of their music, but I like music documentaries so I did find this one pretty fascinating. It's a mix of old footage and interviews with band mates (past and present) and other musicians (like Henry Rollins) on what this band meant to the scene of American punk.

I never really got into punk. Never really liked British punk bands like the Sex Pistols and really only know other bands like the Dead Kennedys because of bands I like covering their songs. One woman being interviewed for this talked about how great of a lead singer and front man the Circle Jerks' singer was, but I couldn't understand a word he was saying. It all sounds like fast 3 minutes songs with incomprehensible lyrics and people who couldn't play instruments to me. The thing I found most fascinating about the documentary though was the revolving door of bass players and drummers the band had. It seemed like they couldn't go more than a year or two without someone leaving and even Flea of the Red Hot Chili Peppers was their bassist at one point.

## Special Features:

- Deleted Scenes
- Bonus Interviews

## Conclusion:

If you are into punk, underground rock music, bands that influenced other bands, or just pretty well made music documentaries then **Circle Jerks: My Career as a Jerk** is for you. Even though I wasn't into the band or their music, I'm sure there's a ton of people out there who are or could be after seeing this. Because of that, it is why I can recommend the film for other people.

## RECOMMENDED!

### Overall Picture:

Movie: **B**

Extra Features: **B**

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