



CIRCLE JERKS - MY CAREER AS A JERK (DVD) – MVD

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Film maker/director David Markey created this documentary about the late 70's, 80's and hiatus, fight and death interrupted later years California punk band. Circle Jerks were formed by ex-Black Flag members and others. The early and latter story is told by members with some rather odd unexplained trivia like how a band of this style would be allowed to rehearse in a church, as was the case in their early days. Interviews, some very detailed, talk about the band evolving, getting banned from clubs, changing members and include many other lesser known tidbits. Footage of crazy concerts with pits and stage dives and images of the same are thrown in to provide context. One obvious thing is that Circle Jerks concert footage is not rare at all as it is liberally used here. Some other funny and fun facts are guitarist Greg Hetson retelling the story of a concert where the audience threw watermelons and pieces of chicken at the band, the band calling their fifth album VI just for the fun of it and the band adding seconds to their songs just to make them seem longer. Lots more interesting trivia are told by others including Keith Morris, Lucky Lehrer, Earl Liberty and Zender Schloss. This is not just for punk fans and My Career As A Jerk is worth a watch. Circle Jerks were featured on the Decline Of The Western Civilization film. - Anna Tergel