

## Method Man

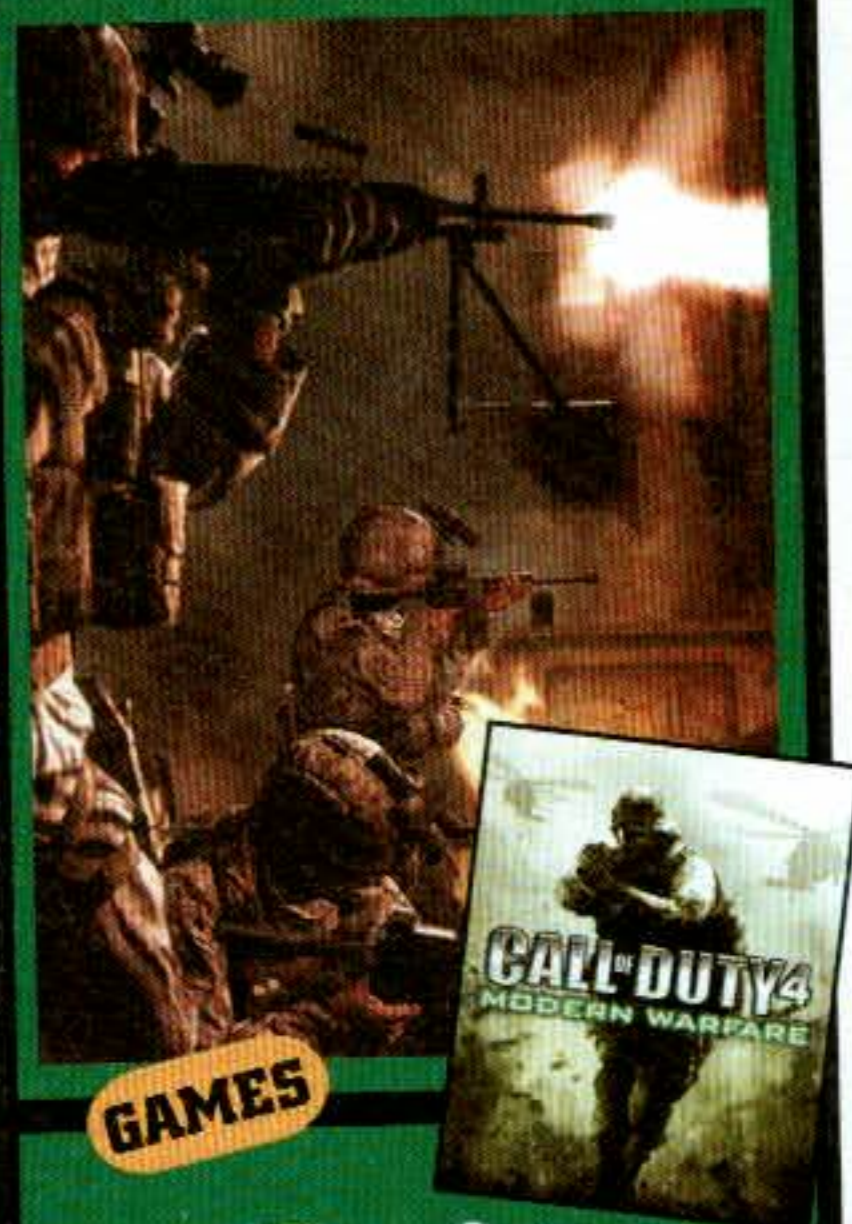
### Live From the Sunset Strip

MVD Visual

It seems as if everything released over the last couple of months related to hip-hop has been stamped with the Wu-Tang symbol. Whether it be the new Wu album, Ghostface Killah's new offering, or this, it's hard to get away from Rap's royalty. Method Man may have lost a little bit of his edge over the years, but he is still clear and away the most recognizable member of the Clan. *Live From Sunset Strip* was filmed in front of a packed house in L.A. and showcases just how lethal Method can be when the passion is there. Tracks spanning Method's entire body of work are showcased; including his solo stuff, his work with Redman and all thing Wu-related. Standouts like "Triumph", "Method Man" and the Mary J. Blige duet "All I Need" had me bangin' my head, but it was the tribute to ODB that made me realize just how close the group was to family as can be. The tracks were tight, the crowd was hot and the energy was overflowing. With this DVD, Method reiterates the time-tested motto – Wu Tang Clan ain't nothin' to fuck wit.



DVD



GAMES

## Call of Duty 4: Modern Warfare

Activision

PS3

This first shooter franchise is back with a vengeance. As intense as a mouthful of cinnamon, you'll find yourself ducking for cover as you shoot your way through the various missions. Your first mission has you start off in a firefight that has to be the most realistic a video game has offered. Unlike previous editions, *COD4* isn't WWII confined. Instead you get (as the tag name says) more modern warfare, going into more modern battlefield settings. You can fight and save the day through the eyes of both a US Marine and British SAS soldier. With today's top arsenal of firepower at your disposal, your main enemy is now a rogue group of terrorists threatening the world. The kills are more graphic as is the mayhem during each adventure. The sound is superb and blends in perfectly with the amazingly detailed settings. The major problem with this outing is that any half-decent player should finish this campaign in half the time as previous *CODs*. Fret not gamers, because the multi-player, online segment more than makes up for this minor downfall. In multi-player mode, the action online is hotter thanks to the perk factor. The perks allow you to custom build your soldier to suit your nasty needs. It's sweetness like that that makes this game one of this year's best.

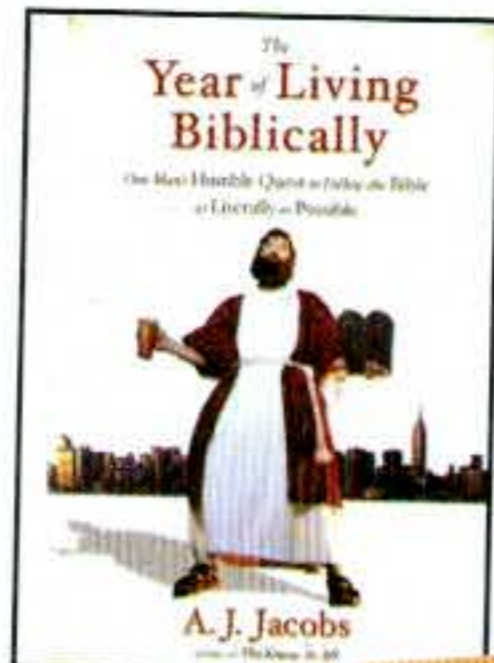


BOOK

## The Boy Who Cried Freebird

By Mitch Myers

Mitch Myers is a storyteller. Correction – Mitch Myers is a musical storyteller. Having had his enthralling words published in such prestigious bibles as *Rolling Stone*, Myers took the next logical step and put together this immaculate collection. With *The Boy...*, Myers gives birth to a stunning mix of short stories, inviting all those who have ever connected to music and its respective pop-culture, an opportunity to reminisce and reflect on just how significant music is in our lives. From the very first essay, "A Rock & Roll Fable" about Adam Coil's infatuation with yelling out Freebird at every concert to "Hellhound on my Trail" and the mysterious 30<sup>th</sup> composition of Robert Johnson's short life; the various fantastical tales about music are as warm and comforting as an old Frank Sinatra LP on a snowy winter Sunday afternoon. Nothing is more soothing than nostalgia and this book is like big steaming bowl of chicken soup.



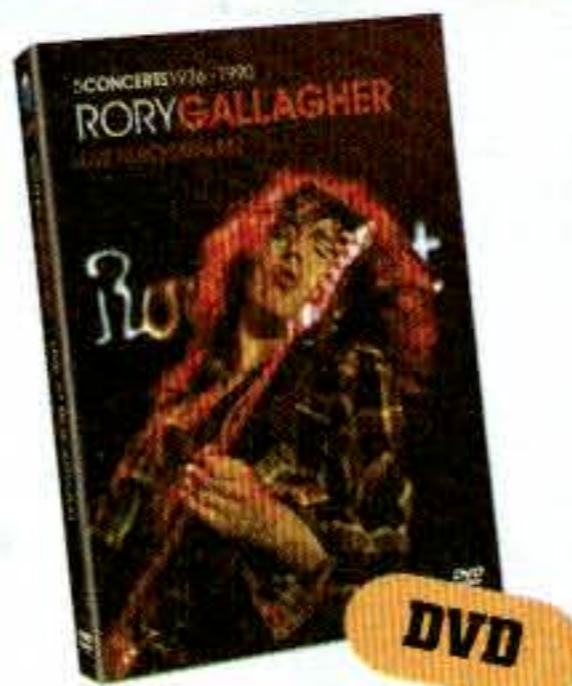
BOOK

## The Year of Living Biblically:

One Man's Quest to Follow the Bible as Literally as Possible

By A.J. Jacobs

*Esquire* editor A.J. Jacobs wrote his last book, *The Know-It-All*, about reading the entire Encyclopedia Britannica. This book is no less lofty in its premise: live for one year following biblical law to the T. Jacob's struggle to stick to the 600+ decrees ranging from the simple (*Thou Shall Not Lie*) to the absurd (*Wear Tassels Upon the Corners of Your Clothing*). Hilariously written, it doesn't matter if you're a hardcore atheist or devout Hindu, you'll be fascinated by the complex simplicity of his philosophical & spiritual experiment (and have great sympathy for his supportive but un-participatory wife who gets dragged along for the ride).



DVD

## Rory Gallagher Live at Rockpalast

Eagle Vision

Rory Gallagher burnt through his life way too young, bowing out in 1995 due to complications from a liver transplant. He left behind a body of work that gets little or no airplay (at least in my fucked up radio market). Thankfully, the fine peeps at Eagle Vision shine the light on this great talent and pay tribute to, arguably, the best guitar player to storm out of Ireland. This 3-DVD set contains five Gallagher concerts from 1976-1990 and opens the doors (sorry, kicks down the doors) to reveal what a fascinating player this cat was. I first heard of Gallagher when a local player (Corey Diabo) dropped his name as a major influence and I can see why. This Irish sensation has influenced such mega axe men as Slash, The Edge and Brian May to name just a few heavyweights. Hell—the Rolling Stones came a' knocking to enlist him after Mick Tyler left in 1974, deciding on Ron Wood instead. If you wish to witness a truly talented guitarist, a cross between Eric Clapton and Stevie Ray Vaughn, score this DVD. You won't be disappointed.