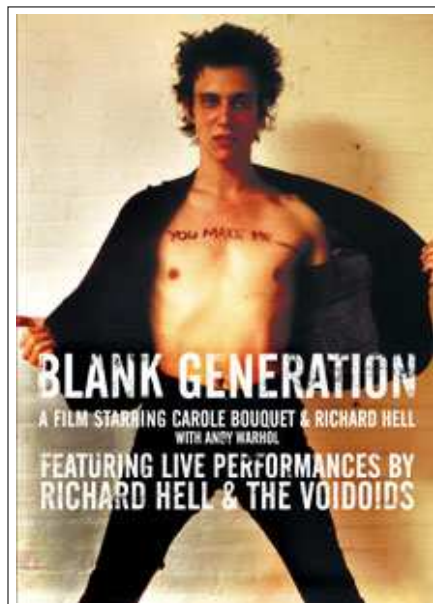




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DVD REVIEW: Blank Generation (1980)

I'll admit that my knowledge of American Punk music of the late 70s and early 80s (or even the British variety, for that matter) is sorely lacking. As a kid I listened to the same music my father did, which is to say almost exclusively 50s rock n' roll and 60s doo-wop. I'm still a big fan--you should hear my karaoke version of "[Under the Boardwalk](#)" by [The Drifters](#) or the old standard "[Stand By Me.](#)" Then about



the time I got my first car and had a tape-deck that was entirely under my control, something strange happened--I leapt from [The Coasters](#) and [Chubby Checker](#) directly into [Iron Maiden](#), [Judas Priest](#), and [Ozzy Osbourne](#). In my jump-cut from sideburns-sporting crooner to denim-vested metalhead, I somehow gave the American punk movement a complete miss.

And yet I can still sing along with most of the REO Speedwagon tunes I hear on the radio. Where's the justice in that?

My point is, this is a gaping hole in my music education, and one I've never quite been able to fill. Sure, I own several [Misfits](#) cds and a kickass [Ramones](#) compilation I never get tired of, but everything else is hazy and indistinct. Therefore I was very interested to view the recent DVD offering from MVD Entertainment Group, the 1980 punk drama *Blank Generation*, featuring influential punkers Richard Hell and the Voidoids.


Note: MVD Entertainment provided a DVD of Blank Generation to MMMMMovies for review purposes.

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