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The successful formula lays in the charming charisma of drummer Winston Watson (who narrates the whole thing) and Gilbert's crisp production style. It's hard to imagine another Dylan sideman in the 20-year history of the Never Ending Tour being as entertaining, candid, self-effacing and likeable as Watson, who comes up with one fascinating story after another, supported by his own personal videos and Gilbert's clever art direction. Before long, you realize his string of anecdotes has exceeded an hour and you don't want the show to end. Whether it's seeing his home videos of George Harrison and Neil Young rubbing elbows with a cigarette-smoking Dylan backstage, or hearing Watson relate the one chewing-out he ever received from his boss, if you have a Dylan-esque bone in your body, you're on the edge of your seat the whole time. It would sound cliché-ish to label this film "a rare personal peak inside the touring apparatus of a true American national treasure," but that's exactly what this DVD is. Not to be missed.

Product Description

Drummer Winston Watson performed 400 shows with Bob Dylan over five years, traveling the world 10 times over. Watson energized Dylan fans and Bob Dylan himself with his joyful and dynamic drumming style, as he helped launch Dylan's "Never Ending Tour" in 1992 that continues to this day.

Winston Watson chronicled his incredible 5-year journey with Bob Dylan in daily personal diaries and in home video footage with his Video 8 camera. Now Watson shares it all in a never-before-told insider account, revealing behind-the-scenes details of the thrilling and challenging journey as drummer for the legendary Bob Dylan. A skilled

storyteller, Watson paints an intimate portrait of Bob Dylan's band, life on tour, Dylan's music, and the mercurial, brilliant Bob Dylan himself.

Watson lived a "rock and roll dream" as celebrity guests joined Dylan on stage, including Bruce Springsteen, George Harrison, Neil Young, The Rolling Stones, Santana, and The Grateful Dead. However, Van Morrison's appearances would prove fatal to the journey of the unknown drummer from Arizona.

From his unlikely story of joining Dylan's band, to rehearsals, stadiums, MTV Unplugged, and Woodstock '94, to the hardship of family separation, Watson holds nothing back, inviting us along on his incredible journey from continent to continent as a warrior in Bob Dylan's "Never Ending Band."

In this in-depth, often humorous portrayal of his years with Dylan, Winston Watson emerges as an ordinary guy who experienced the extraordinary. Bob Dylan Never Ending Tour Diaries is the personal tale of a starry-eyed drummer who reached the mountain top, and how it changed him forever!

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Terrific,

By Tim Out of Mind (Schenectady, NY) -

Excellent glimpse into the art and tour of Bob Dylan via one of his touring drummer's eyes. Watson very open and honest; insight into the world and speed of the musician's muse.

Honest and Revealing,

By A. Peers (Panorama City, CA) -

Loved the film. Honest and revealing look at the inner working of a Rock Legend on tour through the star-stuck eyes of Watson as he lives out his rock and rol dreams. The audience is along for the ride as Watson crosses paths with countless rock celebrities. Watson is so genuine that you don't have to be big Dylan fan to really enjoy the film. Story is engaging, well-told and easy to follow with tons of priceless footage. I'd recommend it to any music fan.

Plain spoken rememberance,

By Tallyfish (Tallahassee, Florida USA) -

Just finished watching this. Very honest personable account of Winston's time on the "Slow Train". He comes across in a manner which is respectful of his former boss and very entertaining to listen to. Go Winston!