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Review: DVD is Rare and Unseen, bland, stiff and lifeless

It's no coincidence that MVD, the leader in unauthorized music DVDs, released their fifth Beatles-related video a mere two weeks before the Fab Four's latest batch of reissues hit the streets. Mostly covering the early days – before the Beatles conquered America – Rare and Unseen features a smattering of seldom seen home movies, photos and performances of John, Paul, George, Ringo, Stuart and Pete. Rounding 20 minutes of found footage into a 90-minute film, Rare and Unseen is mostly made up of new interviews with former members of the Beatles' entourage (including long-time engineer Norman Smith, tour manager Sam Leach and press officer Tony Barrow). Complete with stock music and canned cheering (due to MVD's inability to secure the rights to any actual Beatles music), Rare and Unseen comes off as incredibly bland, stiff and lifeless; it's a horrifying representation of a band that worked so hard to become synonymous with style, imagination and personality.

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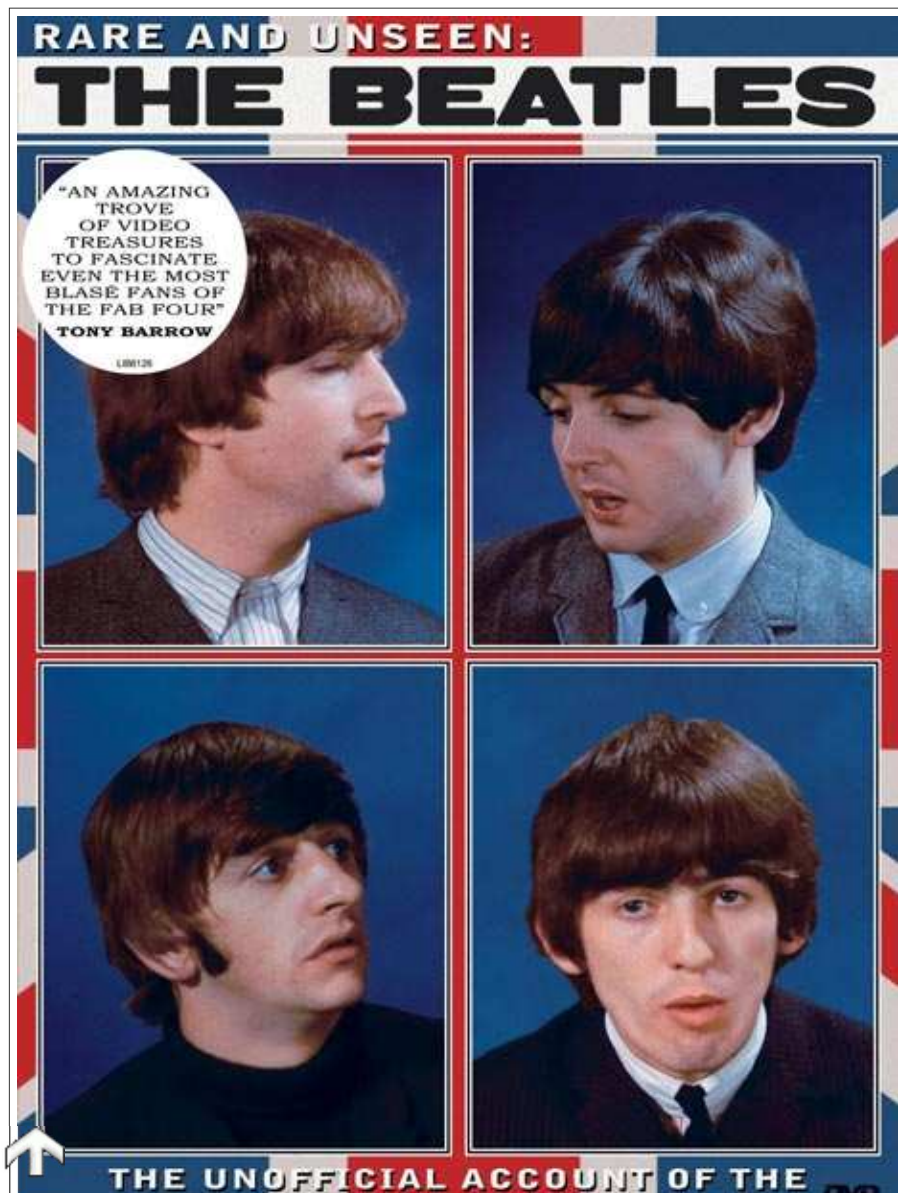
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