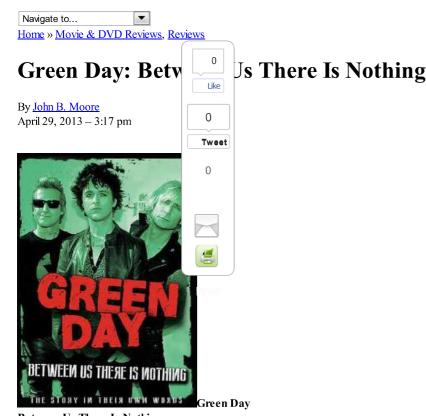


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Between Us There Is Nothing (PRIDE)

Be warned, "Between Us There is Nothing" is clearly targeted at diehard Green Day fans (and yes, there are still diehard Green Day fans). This two-DVD set was timed to come out just after the band's ambitious release of three full-lengths and a DVD spread out over several months (hampered a bit by frontman Billie Joe Armstrong's public breakdown and time in rehab) and collects various video interviews of the band from their first album on, with the second DVD including a documentary on the band.

The interviews on the first DVD are pulled from stations across the globe, including outlets as diverse as MTV and Time Magazine (assuming for their web sites). Two things are quickly apparent in watching these interviews: one, the band has gotten far better at answering questions, going from sophomoric and bratty in their interactions with the reporters to thoughtful and mature; and two, my God do reporters ask some dumb questions (Sample query: "Why does it seem that you never age?").

The second disc is a somewhat interesting, unauthorized, hour-long British documentary. There is very little new that comes out of the film, devoting a lot of time to their start at the Gilman Street venue; the success of *Dookie*; and the low period leading up to *American Idiot*. Though these stories have all been covered before, there are still some interesting interviews, many flattering, some not so much, with folks from Lookout Records, Gilman Street and various DJs and music industry gadflys. Unfortunately, the period after *American Idiot* up to now – not covered in the film – would make be for a far more interesting doc.

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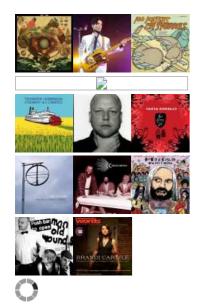
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