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THE SMITHS- UNDER REVIEW- MVD

This is subtitled “An independent critical analysis” (MVD has also done them for the Velvet Underground., Capt. Beefheart, Kate Bush, and others) and this is certainly welcome in my household as I’m a huge Smiths fan and there’s not enough of this kinda stuff out there. With interviews from noted Brit.

Journalists like Tony Wilson (Factory Records dude), John Robb (from The Membranes !), Paul Morley, as well as producers John Porter and Stephen Street, longtime band associate (5th member ?) Craig Gannon and some guy named Grant Showbiz. Lots of good information here all told in that droll Brit. Style (cept John Robb, who is always a spazz) but I wish they would have gotten some well known musicians as talking heads (ya know, like Thurston Moore, Frank Black, folks from Stereolab, etc.) . Still ,it’s well done and interesting and there’s lots of live and video clips of the band. Extras aren’t so great but this is still worth getting but if you’re a Smiths obsessive you already know that.

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