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LED ZEPPELIN • *The Origin Of The Species* • (2006 Chrome Dreams)

Dan Nasty rates it:

LED ZEPPELIN
The Origin Of The Species
(Chrome Dreams)

You gotta hand it to those Brits. They brush their rock history knowledge with a fine-toothed comb. I thought I knew everything there was to know about the mighty Zep. I have every biography, read every book, I know the "mud shark incident" by heart, but these guys probably know what Jimmy Page's shit looks like, and could probably translate it's smell to a musical turning point in rock. This unauthorized dvd is one half pre-Zeppelin history, the other half is hard look at the first two albums. It traces a young, pre-occult obsessed Page's musical roots from the beginning (including brief, rare footage of a fourteen year old Jimmy playing skiffle on a local tv show), followed by session work, and finally to the Yardbirds before, finally forming Led Zeppelin. Plant, Jones, and Bonham's background are touched upon, though not as in- depth as Page's. Put together, this views as a history lesson on early blues as much as one on Zeppelin. I always knew that they "borrowed"heavily from early blues songs. This shows just how much they "borrowed"? by playing the original next to Zep's. Let's just say I was a little shocked.

LED ZEPPELIN was recorded in just 30 hours. Released in 1969, it took the rock world by storm, and, in my opinion, changed rock forever. The group toured relentlessly, somehow recorded LED ZEPPELIN 2, and released it a mere nine months later. Simply unheard of these days. All songs from both albums are studied and dissected, probably the most entertaining section of this disk.

Thumbs up to Chrome Dreams for releasing this, as well as other landmark band reviews. It is clearly a labor of love for this company. Here's hoping they continue this with ALL the Led Zeppelin albums.

Also included is "The Story Of The Yardbirds" and the, once again, aptly titled Hardest Led Zeppelin Quiz In The World (Mr. Know-It-All got a sobering 11/25).

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