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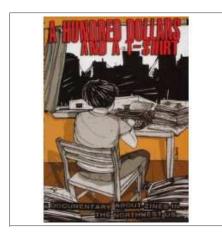
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DVD Review: A Hundred Dollars and a T-Shirt A Hundred Dollars and a T-Shirt 2008 Microcosm Publishing

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For all intents and purposes, The Metal Minute and the scores of pages in the blogging universe is a cyberhead's take on the 'zine. In fact, one can say that utilizing this electronic tool eliminates the production manpower as well as effectively reaching a much broader audience than the customary paper and staple medium that embodies a true and proper 'zine.

Assuredly most of you reading this are familiar with what a 'zine is, but consider it a poor man's *Metal Maniacs* or *AP* or *Spin*, though it's not necessarily limited to just music topics. In fact, the concept of a 'zine, which is a homebrewed and self-generated publication, was originally created for sci-fi and horror. In a sense the long-defunct *Famous Monsters* started as an indie rag that eventually blossomed into something larger. But the 'zine phenomenon has been so vast and diverse the past 30 years that even shoe aficianados have felt the need to share their passion in the form of pocket writing, as the DVD *A Hundred Dollars and a T-Shirt* hysterically points out.

The stigma with 'zines has traditionally slashed the mark of a hack upon those who put typewriter to looseleaf and jabber about things that are passionate to them, then fold the pages into a quasi magazine and ultimately photocopy and staple them for deliverance to an unsuspecting reading public. It's not that these underground scribes aren't necessarily worthy of inclusion in the big boy print mags, but for the limited writer slots available with your standard mass-produced periodical, there's an easy hundred or so envious bidders for one of those coveted staff spaces. When something like music tears at your inner soul so much you can't help but write what you're feeling and share with the general public, then this is why the 'zine

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