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THE HOUSE OF THE RISING PUNK

Rating: 6 stars

I love watching documentaries that are made overseas on USA culture...the film makers usually tap in on different elements that are usually not totally correct, yet, they do fit the vibe, just in a foreign kinda way...take for example this new dvd entitled "House of the Rising Punk" which is a documentary on the early punk scene in New York....they focus heavily on Television & Richard Hell, when infact, the USA punk scene was more about The Ramones, The Stooges (I know, not New York, but..) & Blondie than Television, who were almost obscure compared to even the New York Dolls! There's some great interviews with Dee Dee Ramone, Richard Hell, Patti Smith & it's all stuff I've never seen before, so it was a blast seeing this dvd & if you are a punk rock fan, you need to see this movie, it's got some great archival footage, because punk didn't start with Greenday, just so you know! Seeing the footage of Iggy smearing peanut butter on his chest was priceless!