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UFO - The Story of UFO Too Hot To Handle (1969-1993)

Cherry Red Films

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Rating: C

UFO are one of those bands that should have made it; had the talent to make it but didn't quite make it. Now, they sold several million records and spawned a guitar god in Michael Schenker but the bottom line is that they didn't ever live up to all they could have been. Booze and drugs took their toll on the band and they never were able to crack the American market they way they should have.

This documentary does a wonderful job with surface interviews with vocalist Phill Mogg, bass player Pete Way and Schenker. They also culled tons of underground material of the band playing live. Where this goes wrong is the fact that none of the controversy is discussed. There is nothing said of the fighting between band members or the war between Mogg, Way and Schenker. This is a very Rated G version of the history of the band. Any metal fan knows what went wrong with UFO and for them to act like it never happened is chicken shit of them.

Still, the live footage of Schenker in his heyday is pretty cool as there is not a ton of this stuff around. The sound

quality leaves much to be desired but since this is so rare it is cool to see. All in all, UFO fans will snatch this up while the rest of us might want to pass.

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