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POISON Seven Days Live Cherry Red Films/MVD

Poison was, is, and always will be one of my biggest influences for getting involved with music and this DVD is a great reminder as to why. The year this was filmed was 1993, and it was a bit of a transition year for the glam rockers. Lead guitarist, CC Deville had left the band and been replaced with Richie Kotzen. This is his first tour with the band and the crowd was pretty receptive and welcoming. Poison had just put out "Native Tongue," which did well (went gold) but compared to its predecessor, "Flesh and Blood" (multi-platinum) this album was a bit of a flop. "Seven Days Live" shows and band toughing it out through the rough patches and excelling at it. Obviously the hit songs like "Unskinny Bop," "Every Rose Has It's Thorn," "Talk Dirty To Me," etc… went over well with the crowd, but I knew going into this DVD that these songs would. I wanted to focus my attention on the songs that were a bit more obscure (Until You Suffer Some, Strike Up the Band, Seven Days Over You, etc…). What I quickly released by watching them perform these songs was just how under rated "Native Tongue really was. As for the 15-song set on "Seven Days Live," all of the hits for the most part are performed and the energy the band let's off is unmatched. Poison's live show as a great side of this band and this is showcased perfectly on this DVD. (JK)

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