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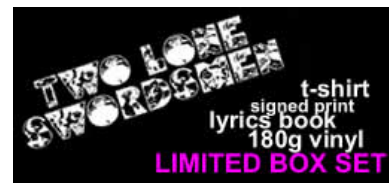
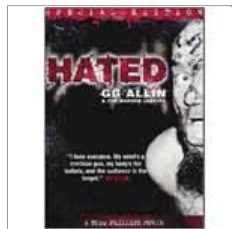
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Kevin "GG" Allin, as even his most fervent supporters would surely concede, was never a musical genius. Even as a raw punk 'n' roll musician, he was barely adequate – but there was one respect in which he truly deserves his infamy. He was the absolute ultimate punk rock performer, not just on stage but in every part of his life. GG lived it 100%, and never missed an opportunity to perform or to outrage and intimidate an audience, from cutting off half his penis, shitting on stage, rolling in the shit, throwing the shit into the crowd, attacking the crowd, doing anything to anything, letting anything be done to him and even letting it be known that his wake should feature an open coffin with an invitation to all attendees to party with his corpse. Never mind Marilyn Manson, even Charles Manson only outdid GG because GG never actually got caught for killing anyone.

It is something of a stroke of luck that "Hated" was ever made. Allin broke parole to go on tour, half the gigs were cancelled and his death of a heroin overdose (as opposed to the onstage shotgun rampage and suicide he always threatened) followed the end of the film so closely that director Todd Phillips (then a film student making his first film but now a successful director with the likes of Road Trip and Starsky And Hutch on his CV) was able to end the film with shots from GG's funeral. It's also a really vital document of one of the most outrageous performers of all time, particularly as GG, like many Americans, never held a passport and so was never able to play outside the US despite his antics attracting fanatical followings in Germany, the UK and elsewhere.

Including interviews with Allin and his band (including brother Merle, owner of the worst moustache and hair since the architect of the Second World War), his old teachers and schoolmates plus footage of GG's poetry readings, gigs and of course his wake, this is an extraordinary film. Allin comes across as a total savage, a violent and sometimes frightening brute who nonetheless is driven by his own demons to keep pushing the boundaries further and further until death, because nothing else – ridicule, arrest, violence – nothing - will stop him. Look into those eyes and you can believe it. This is absolutely not for the faint hearted – at one point in some archive footage GG is interrupted by a woman who he goes to attack, and if it were not for the intervention of other members of the crowd he most certainly would have done. This wasn't even unusual behaviour from GG, but then this is the same guy who wrote a song called "Expose Yourself To Kids", so what do you expect?

In terms of extras, for those of you who like me already know the film from the video version, this release has additional interviews with Merle Allin and

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his fellow Murder Junkie Dino Sex as well as one with GG's mother plus three live music videos and the usual selection of commentary tracks, artwork and other crap. Of these, the interview with the mother, though short, is easily the most interesting. She explains how GG's father (who as revealed in the documentary was completely batshit insane and a major reason why GG was so fucked up) insisted the baby was named Jesus Christ as he claimed to have had a religious vision in which he was instructed to do so. When this was explained to the toddler Merle, his youthful pronunciation turned this into GG; so GG Allin was named after Jesus Christ. You couldn't make it up...

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