



'GRAFFITI TV- THE BEST OF VOLUMES 1,2 &3' AND 'GRAFFITI TV- THE BEST OF VOLUME 4: FUNKY ENAMEL' DVDs These 2 DVDs collect the best of Graffiti TV Volumes 1-4 and both showcase some sick, raw footage of legal and illegal graffiti from all over the world. The whole thing is totally DIY and home-shot which I think rules, really gives it that street look- which it actually is- and Volume 1 starts off with some grainy night footage of some taggers writing on a cop car...fuck yeah. The legal stuff is cool and of course there's unlimited time to shoot that stuff because there's no pressure to be fast or to get away, but I gotta say, it's the completely unruly illegal tagging that does it for me! That's what it's about! A 100% fuck-you attitude and total disrespect for everything in their path and in broad daylight- cars, vans, building, store fronts...whatever, it all gets sprayed. That's the side of things that I come from with a background as a tagger and a progression to stenciling. There are a whole bunch of interview type segments too talking about the underground sets and possees in the graffiti scenes and there are break dancing and beat segments too. The most interesting interview is with COPE who talks about train cars and graffiti back in '80 / '81 and shows you how to break into fenced pens. Loads of killer, raw footage of train tracks and climbing fences and bridges, freight trains and stealing cans from shops, this will make taggers drool. There's a really cool bit where they film themselves going into a train yard where the security guard is asleep so they have to creep past him and the 'Hardcore Bombing' section is sick. It's important for kids to see this because I think way too many teenagers jump into this for a couple years and do it all half-assed and then forget all about it, but on these DVDs you see that these guys live for this and travel to do this, it's not just a passing phase it's completely focussed and it absorbs their time and their lives. It's just like punk rock and skateboarding - that's the shit that people think you'll eventually grow out of but that will NEVER happen, it you're dedicated you'll be doing it until you just can't do it anymore- until you can't pump a ramp because you got arthritis or you can't climb a wall anymore or you got no voice left!!!

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