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Michael Jackson: The Trial And Triumph Of The King Of Pop - DVD

If you ever doubted the power of the media you only need look at the life of Michael Jackson as shown through television, newspaper and magazine reports. From child prodigy to international superstar, Michael Jackson was also shown as a freakish character in some portions of the media. Without a doubt, for all of the 'Wacko Jacko' stories the one thing that damaged his career and possibly his mind the most were the child molestation allegations that he faced.

This film, which was made just before his death, looks into the story of Michael Jackson's child abuse trials in an attempt to get to the truth behind the tabloid stories. While this film comes out firmly in support of the late King Of Pop it does not come across like a star-struck fan as it relies on facts and figures to support its assertion that Michael was (and continues to be) unfairly labelled with charges of paedophilia. The 45 minute documentary does include its fair share of fan comment as well as messages from names including Kanye West, Fantasia, Ashford and Simpson, Mo'Nique and producer Terry Lewis.

The 30 minutes of bonus material includes Grealine Hughes, the writer of 'Redemption' which deals with Jackson's 1993 child abuse case, talking about her book and views that Jackson was 'set up.' The film also recaps what was to prove to be the last few years of Michael Jackson's life - including his announcement to perform at the O2 arena in London. Further to this, the film speaks on and interviews Thomas Mesereau, the man who successfully defended Michael Jackson against 14 child molestation related charges. Fox News Commentator and author of the book 'Michael Jackson Conspiracy,' Aphrodite Jones speaks on how she changed her mind about Michael Jackson as she came to realize he was not the man the negative media portrayals showed. Associated Press Writer Linda Deutsch also speaks while Jermaine Jackson details some of the charitable work of Michael and the rest of his family.

With no references to Michael Jackson's untimely passing this film is clearly not just an attempt to cash in on the lucrative market following his death and is instead a considered documentary that brings some real facts to light. On the downside it contains none of Jackson's music (no doubt due to licensing) and no direct interviews

with the singer himself. It is, however a solid shot at clearing up some of the rumors that surrounded Michael Jackson at the time of his child molestation cases and reminds us that, despite the rumors and ill conceived jokes, Michael Jackson was found not guilty on all counts by a court of law.

'The Trial And Triumph Of The King Of Pop,' while undoubtedly showing more of the positive than it does the negative, is a decent film for fans and followers of the late superstar and may even change a few people's minds as to what was true or false about the always controversial Michael Jackson.