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Michael Jackson: The Trial And Triumph Of The King Of Pop, Wienerworld, no cert, £15.99

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It's bad enough this piece of tat was scheduled to come out to coincide with Michael Jackson's This Is It! concert series but the fact it wasn't pulled from release when he died is truly puzzling.

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

Pearl Jr – author of *Black Women Need Love Too!* – is our inept host. Accredited to cover the 2005 child abuse trial (where

Jackson was found not guilty on all counts), she here presents a truly third-rate account of what happened 'behind the scenes'.

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This mainly involves: interviews with fervid fans outside the courthouse; footage of opposite camps shouting at each other; fourth-hand rumours; subjective commentary; facts we all knew already; and Pearl screeching inanities such as: 'I think Michael Jackson looks like Speed Racer! How come nobody has said that?'

All this is threaded together with the cheapest video editing effects imaginable. An exploitative, awful and saddening cash-in.

Extras: A hasty update taking in events up to March 2009, some retrospective interviews about the trial.

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