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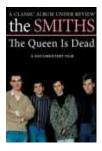
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MOVIE REVIEWS



SMITHS
Under Review: The Queen Is Dead
MVD Visual

"The Queen Is Dead" DVD is really quite boring for my liking. I am a fan of the Smiths, but HOT DAMN this DVD was hard to watch without falling asleep. I'll keep this short and sweet. If you're a Smiths fan and you know all there is to know about them, then this would be a waste of your money. If you know everything about the Smiths but you're a diehard fan that wants everything they put out to the public, then go and buy it to watch the rare footage and the people who worked with them on this particular album talk about them. (Nick Zamfoti)



SMITHS
Inside The Smiths
MVD Visual

Modern bands like Funeral For A Friend, Anberlin, Fallout Boy, and countless others have all stated The Smiths as a heavy influence. With this DVD you not only get a look into what it was actually like being a part of the legendary UK band, but you get it straight from Mike Joyce and Andy Rourke's mouths, aka the legendary rhythm section from the band. Both are very candid throughout the 50-minute pick. Though only a band for 5 years, their accomplishments are unmatched as you quickly learn. The mystery that surrounded front man Morrissey is touched on by both Rourke and Joyce and you get a feeling for what it was like to be around the real Morrissey that the public didn't get the chance to see. Besides that, both members of the band take a look in chronological order at their success from being the cocky kids that knew their songs were the next big thing to the end when the pressure just built up to the point where splitting seemed to be the only option. What you will take away from this look at the band through their own eyes is how special The Smiths were not only to its members but also to its fans and peers. Members of the Buzzcocks, New Order, etc... all take turns speaking on the film about the Smiths and the legacy they created. In a post-punk era The Smiths created a new brand of music that seemed to stick in the mainstream and with critics making them instantly legendary and this DVD captures that era and then some. Buy Album Here

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