

TV COMPILATION REVIEW

UNSOLVED MYSTERIES

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Proving that some people never learn, **TV Writer.Com** has invited me to come back with more highly informed opinions guaranteed to make all of you who read them better people.

So gather 'round, sons and daughters of liberty (Liberty Television, a big deal media company of the kind that is rotting the minds and souls – and not doing much for the bodies – of television viewing fools everywhere), and your loving brother T.T. Muncher will give you the 411 on First Look Video's ass-kicking boxed DVD series **UNSOLVED MYSTERIES: BIZARRE MURDERS** and **UNSOLVED MYSTERIES: PSYCHOS**. Sorry, I mean **PSYCHICS**.

Note that I said ass-kicking. And I mean it. I was never an **UNSOLVED MYSTERIES** fan, (don't you find Robert Stack, the host of the show kind of, well, bizarre himself?) but I loved the screener DVDs. That's because unlike the show, where you had to kind of grab the topics as they came, First Look is right out there with, "Look, here's the genre. You want whacko killers? Buy this baby. Want psychosis – sorry, I mean psychic powers? Buy this one.

The munchman of course leans toward the killing strokes, the more bizarre the better, and **UNSOLVED MYSTERIES: BIZARRE MURDERS** didn't disappoint. Mean motherfuckers with more bloodlust than sense own this show. Sure, they show cops. Sure they interview witnesses and survivors. But let's face it, the murderers are what it's all about. Most of these guys are dumber than a TV network vice-president, but they're every bit as nutty as Charlie Manson and so evil that they make George W. Bush look like a saint.

(What? You don't think GWB is evil? Well, how many good guys as kids shoved firecrackers up frogs' butts and toss 'em in the air to watch 'em blow? How many Ghandis cracked jokes about the

deathbed statements of prisoners on Death Row? How many Jesus Fucking Christs do little Hitler jigs while chanting “Pre-emptive war?”)

But I digress. Suffice it to say that the murders and their crimes shown in UM: BM are really out there. If I had a family I’d make sure we all hung together in front of the TV to watch this dandy family fun.

If you’re a “Holy shit I just saw the world come to an end, you gotta listen to me, you gotta,” nut – and who isn’t? – UNSOLVED MYSTERIES: PSYCHOTICS – sorry, I mean PSYCHICS – is made for you. Near death experiences! Presidential predictions! Predictions of war, plague, and pestilence! Bizarre Murder predicted! Bizarre murderers unmasked! Bizarre DVD reviewers remotely viewed while being hacked into little pieces and fed to grannies in nursing homes--!

Oops, sorry again. It’s just that let’s face it, mind-reading southerners aren’t nearly as compelling as claw hammer wielding dudes from New Jersey. You know how that is. And why ARE all the deranged murderers from the North, and all the derailed mind-readers from the South? Is this another Blue State – Red State differential? Why isn’t somebody studying this shit?

Or maybe they are. Maybe Robert Stack is probing my brain right now, before he chops it into little pieces. What’s that? Stack’s dead? Well, of course. UNSOLVED MYSTERIES: PSYCHIC KILLINGS FROM BEYOND. Now there’s a show I could get into.

Time for the wrap-up. The promo material that came with my screeners says that First Look is selling three different collections of four DVDs each for \$49.95 and Amazon.Com’s price is five bucks less. (The third collection is UNSOLVED MYSTERIES: STRANGE LEGENDS. Hey, Ma, look in there for me! Maybe they didn’t want me to review it because it would hit too close to home.)

If you’re into this kind of thing you’ll love the DVDs. If you’re not you should still buy ‘em and make points by giving the suckers as gifts to your girlfriend’s (or boyfriend’s) loony parents. Those old fucks really go for this stuff. (Although for the same money you could buy a good-sized baggy of pretty good herb and most parents love that shit even more.)