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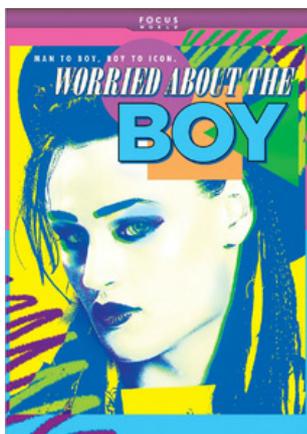
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### Worried About The Boy

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"Worried About the Boy" is a classic story about a lost youngster trying to find his way in a world riddled with judgment and confusion. This lost boy happens to also be gay, and dying to find a way to express himself in a disillusion that fame will give him all the love he so daringly craves.

The television drama, now on DVD, spans the life of Boy George before he was famed and both hated and loved, and just George O'Dowd from a small street in England where all the houses look the same. The actor Douglas Booth ('Pillars of the Earth') plays Boy George with just the right amount of camp sharpness and sensitivity and gives the film an authentic feel.

The plot follows George escaping, like so many gay boys before him, his seemingly oppressive home for an artist squat in London where he gets to meet every stereotypical character that the times held, it was the 80s after all. George's desperate need to be noticed, to find love within himself to give and love to take home opposed to a one night stand drives his creative energy.

"Worried About the Boy" manages to portray an important time in pop history with great accuracy and adds in enough fashion to make it fascinating. The director Julian Jarrold ('Becoming Jane') manages to capture the life of Boy George with enough sensitivity and finesse but perhaps the end product is not captivating enough to hold audiences' gazes.

The DVD has Behind the Scenes footage and a Featurette that includes interviews with the actor Douglas Booth and the director. The film runs for 90 minutes and the brilliant soundtrack iconically includes tracks like "Happy House" (Siouxsie & The Banshees), "Beauty & the Beast" (David Bowie), "Venus in Furs" (The Velvet Underground) and some Sex Pistols.

The most prolific element is the fact that this biopic has been made before the death of the iconic star and often, unfortunately, society only celebrates the achievements of stars once they have passed. Michael Jackson is now immortalized but before his death he was often referred to as a freak or a total whack job.

Boy George might not have changed the world with his musical talent, vocal ability or fashion

styles but what he has done is inspire creatives to truly let their freaks out and that is enough.

"Worried About the Boy"  
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