

DVD

HEAD The Monkees (1968, Rhino, G, \$24.95) The brief moment when the Monkees were undeniably "with it." Their movie (masterminded by Bob Rafelson and Jack Nicholson, soon to deliver *Five Easy Pieces*) carried an antiwar message, poked fun at their manufactured selves, and featured cameos from the likes of Frank Zappa and Sonny Liston. The crucial difference between this trippy artifact and *A Hard Day's Night*? The Beatles had "Can't Buy Me Love"; the Monkees had "Porpoise Song." As one of Rhino's first DVDs (along with *Walking Tall* and *In the World Tonight*, a making-of documentary on Paul McCartney's *Flaming Pie*), it's disappointing, especially since the company's CDs are thoughtfully packaged. Though this disc contains a clean print and a clutch of trailers, there's no wide-screen option, an inaccurate chapter index, and no audio commentary from any principal. How busy can Micky Dolenz be? The movie: **C** The packaging: **D+** —Michael Giltz