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QUEERS - Live At CBGB: The Bowery Collection {MVD} I lost interest in THE QUEERS as a serious slice of snotty Punkage a while ago but, on the evidence of this live set recorded in 2003 at the infamous NYC venue, CBGB, the band still operates as a very proficient live act. Sure, a RAMONES rip is evident from the outset with a take on the classic 'Rockaway Beach'. From there it's a snappy if slightly sloppy slab of song followed by song and little bullshit in between. 'Monster Zero' into 'This Place Sucks', 'Kicked Out Of The Webelos' into 'I Hate Everything', 'I Can't Stop Farting' into 'Granola Head'... Add on bile-laced covers of ANGRY SAMOANS and MR T EXPERIENCE and you are looking at what has to be the funnest live bubblegum Punk disc since the early 90s. I imagined Joe Queer saying a whole lot more in between songs to pad the set out, but this is simply a rapid blast of three chord RAMONE-o-core followed by more of the unrelenting same taken straight from the soundboard to your speakers. This live bombast has totally rejuvenated my interest in the band and for the curious this runs 'A Day Late And A Dollar Short' as close second as the ideal introduction to this pivotal New Hampshire band.