

## 19 Drive-In Movie Memories



Good clean fun for the entire family or passion pit? The drive-in movie theatre was both and much more. Combining nostalgia with humor and irony, authors Don and Susan Sanders and director Kurt Kuenne have created a fascinating history of movie viewing under the stars, from the 1933 opening of The Automobile Movie Theater through the 1950s boom in "ozoners." DRIVE-IN MOVIE MEMORIES introduces us to the entrepreneurs and their array of wacky gimmicks (failures included playgrounds, motel rooms with a view, and individual screens for each car) and to the steady stream of musical comedies, exploitation themes and horror films that came to dominate the teen-oriented drive-ins. Now an endangered species, due to increasing land values and the explosion of state-of-the-art multiplexes, the drive-ins are worthy of elegy. Please don't drive away with speakers in your car. -GM (U.S., 2001, 57m) *In person: Don and Susan Sanders, Leonard Maltin and Kurt Kuenne*