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**The Who:** *Live At Shea Stadium 1982* (Eagle Rock) Only a week after the release of Eagle Rock's Rolling Stones' *From The Vault 1971* Marquee performance comes this Who set, which, while not as good if only because of the timeframe (Stones '71 beats Who '82 / Who 1969 beats Stones '86, etc.), has considerable historical relevance as 1) their last performance with post-Kenney Jones drummer Kenney Jones, and 2) as part of a tour promoting a new album (1982's *It's Hard*) vs. being one of the countless "farewell tours" this band in particular would then methodically embark on. This is the shape of rock 'n' roll these days: A backward look at fabulous catalog—the Stones, the Who, John Lennon, the Beach Boys, the Band—that often can't help but overshadow young and earnest newcomers. Consumers win, but for today's players? Competition could not be more fierce. A good showing for the Who, and a reminder of the talent they still displayed in abundance in the early '80s.