

Reviewed by: j. dub
 Artist/Group: Beanie Sigel
 Album Title: The Truth
 Label: Rocafella/Def Jam
 Release Date: March 2000
 Genre: Rap
 Overall Rating: ****

This album is hard core to the streets, another classic compact disc. It is another hard hitting album from the Rocafella family. It's a great mixture of hip-hop beats and well defined lyrics.

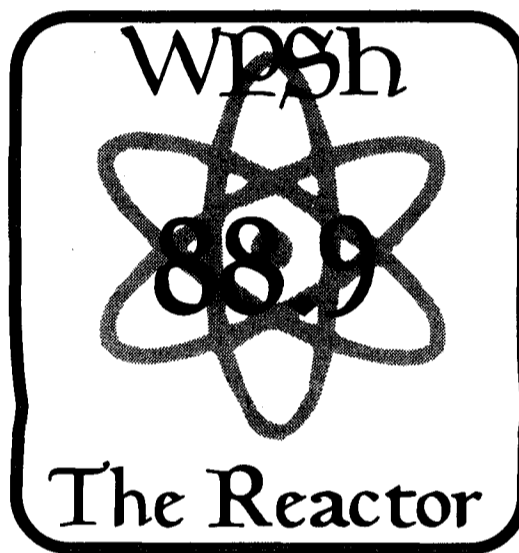
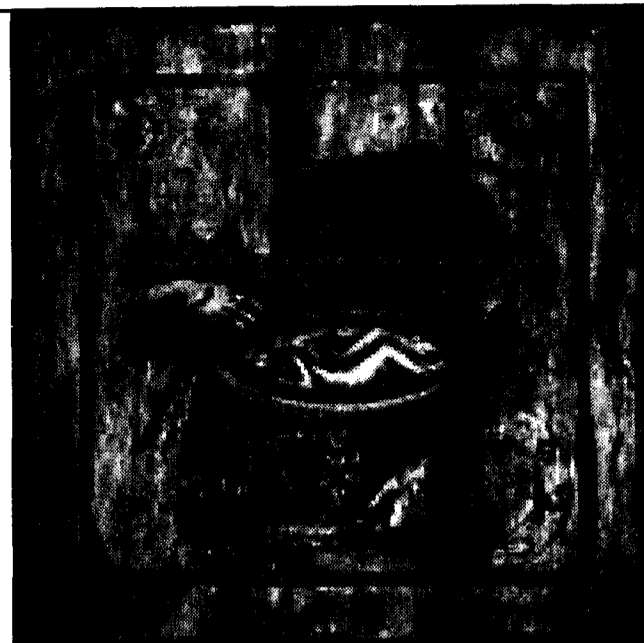
For fans of: Jay-Z, Memphis Bleek



Reviewed By: Dr. Peter Venkman
 Artist: The Smashing Pumpkins
 Album Title: Machina!: the machines of God
 Label: Virgin
 Release Date: 2/29/00
 Genre: rock
 Overall Rating: ****

The Smashing Pumpkins return with their second best album ever, next to Siamese Dream. Jimmy Chamberlain returns with ferocious drumming and Billy Corgan decides to go back to the elements that made the Pumpkins famous. The first 9 tracks are incredibly written and produced to create a slick pop sound that will incase your soul. The only downfall is that the album is too long. And I'm not overreacting here, this album is truly wonderful. Corgan has captured a sound that almost anyone will love.

For fans of: Radiohead, Bush's Sixteen Stone



Reviewed By: Captain Hollywood
 Artist/Group: Kittie
 Album Title: Spit
 Label: Artemis Records
 Release Date: 2000
 Genre: Hardcore / Metal
 Overall Rating: **

The reason Kittie has been getting a lot of press lately is because they are four foul-mouthed young girls barely out of high school who dress trashy and play hard music. Their first full-length CD, Spit, is an unimpressive collection of bad music and even worse lyrics. I can't tell when one song ends and the next begins. There is nothing original about this band. The plus side to this CD is that it's well produced. The girls can play their instruments fairly well, but not well enough to hide the poor songwriting. If you must own a copy of this CD, check second-hand music stores. They are bound to have plenty in stock.

For Fans of: early Snapcase, early Korn

Ratings Key

- Horrible *
- I've Heard Worse **
- Borrow or Steal It, Don't Buy It ***
- I Would Probably Buy It ****
- Stupendous *****



Reviewed By: The Gooseman
 Artist/Group: Demons & Wizards
 Album Title: Demons & Wizards
 Label: Steamhammer
 Release Date: February 2000
 Genre: Loud Rock
 Overall Rating: ****

Hansi Kursch, lead singer of Blind Guardian, and Jon Schaffer, bass guitarist for Iced Earth, have teamed up to release an album that sounds like it should have been released over a decade ago. Demons & Wizards bring back memories of a time when long, permed hair was in and the music was loud and heavy. If you are like me and desire to go back to a time when Ronald Reagan was our King and the Nintendo Entertainment System was high tech, then by all means pick it up.

For Fans Of: The Scorpions, Europe

