

The Merciless Book of Metal Lists: the most opinionated compendium ever written concerning Heavy Metal, written by NYC music scene veterans Howie Abrams and Sacha Jenkins, to be released April 9, 2013

The Merciless Book of Metal Lists is 208 jam-packed pages, representing all that is glorious across the world of Heavy Metal. Presented in the form of dozens of factual, random and often outrageous lists, this book flies the flag for true Metalheads, as well as the curious observer. Where others have ventured to simply focus on who's best, The Merciless Book of Metal Lists dares to call many out for being the worst. It points out the triumphs, as well as the miserable failures concerning Metal, and recklessly opines on each and every aspect of it, from a hardcore fan's point-of-view.

The requisite collections of the mightiest guitarists, drummers, vocalists etc. are in there, however, TMBML leaves no stone unturned, often blurring the lines separating fact and hilarity. You want to know about album covers that feature goats on them? What Motorhead icon Lemmy's warts might tell you if they could speak? The achievements Iron Maiden would never have reached had their original vocalist Paul Dianno remained in the band? Well then, this book is for you.

The foreword for The Merciless Book of Metal Lists comes from one of the most respected names in the genre, Slayer guitarist extraordinaire Kerry King, with a candid and passionate afterword from Pantera/Down frontman Philip Anselmo. There are numerous other contributions from band members the likes of Scott Ian (Anthrax), Gary Holt (Exodus), Max Cavalera (Sepultura/Soufly), Danny Lilker (Nuclear Assault/Brutal Truth), Katon W.DePena (Hirax) and many others. Additionally, several lists have been contributed by industry luminaries such as Jon & Marsha Zazula; the very people responsible for first bringing groups like Metallica, Anthrax and Testament to the world at large, Metal Blade Records CEO Brian Slagel, radio personality Eddie Trunk, former Roadrunner Records (current Nuclear Blast) A&R guru Monte Conner and more. Hell, even rapper MC Serch is featured talking about his days weeding through Slayer's fan mail while working at Def Jam.

There is no music community on earth quite like that of Heavy Metal, and The Merciless Book of Metal Lists is its bible. Metal fans thrive on debating each and every detail about the music and it's performers, from recording production, to album cover art, to band members' appearance - no stone is left unturned...EVER. TMBML is designed for the lot, who enthusiastically engage in, and thrive on such arguments.

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