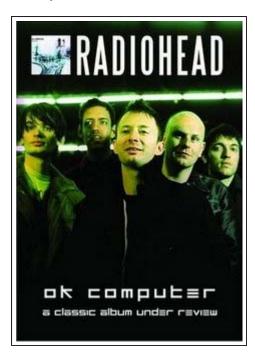
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## Radiohead - A Classic Album Under Review: OK Computer



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My list of the Top-Ten Albums of all time is pretty solid but the top two spots can switch positions on any given day. Black Sabbath's Master Of Reality and Radiohead's OK Computer hold the one and two spots. Black Sabbath found their formula, stuck with it and perfected it so that even to this day no one can touch them, even though many have tried. Radiohead evolves with each subsequent release challenging their legions of fans to cross the proverbial line in the sand that seperates Radiohead from the rest of the music industry. So what do these two polar opposite bands have in common? First, when listening to either band you get a sense of utter alienation from the rest of society that is conveyed both with the music and with the lyrics. Sabbath appears to embrace this seperation from society while Radiohead mourns it. Second, the lyrics often incorporate things that most of us would want to say but never do for fear of the stares these statements would bring from others. Ozzy Osbourne and Black Sabbath choose lyrics that bash the listener in the head while calling up images straight out of ABOUT ME



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a horror film. Radiohead and Thom Yorke use a more subtle approach recalling art house films of years gone by with dreamlike journey's that are sprinkled with unnerving musical and lyrical high's and low's. There you have it, a minor comparison between two obverse bands that remain my favorites. This DVD takes an in depth look at OK Computer, the best album of the 90's and quite possibly the best album of all time.

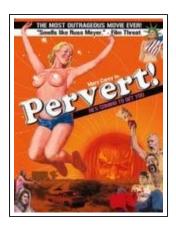
After the release of Radiohead's second album The Bends, the band found themselves on a longer leash from their label, Capitol. Utilizing their new found freedom the band launched one of the most experimental and critically hailed albums of the decade. OK Computer: A Classic Album Under Review compiles interviews with some of the most well regarded critics and authors in the business including, Mark Paytress, Jake Kennedy, Dai Griffiths, David Stubbs, Barney Hoskyns and Alex Ogg. The interviews are thought provoking and at times controversial, especially in regards to what artist's Radiohead may have lifted some ideas from including The Beatles, Philip Glass and even motivational speaker Zig Zigler to name a few. Topics like lyrical inspiration and cover art are also discussed but basically this is an eye opening rundown of every song on the album. Also featured on the disc are video clips and concert footage from various shows. Extras on the disc include contributor biographies and a Radiohead trivia quiz (this reviewer scored a pathetic 17/25). OK Computer: A Classic Album Under Review is essential viewing for the cult of Radiohead fans out there. Up next in the Classic Under Review series is AC/DC's Back In Black which hits the streets October 31, 2006.



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