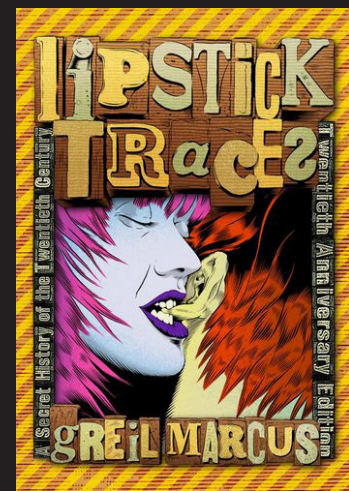


THINGS 'n' STUFF



LIGHT: ON THE SOUTH SIDE BY MICHAEL L. ABRAMSON (Numero Group)

Long before party photos were the web sensation they are today, a young photographer captured the nocturnal crowds buzzing on Chicago's South Side. Stark, candid photos and stoic portraits depict a world long faded into the annals of music history in Michael L. Abramson's hardback collection of stills from the mid '70s. Abramson, his strobe flash in tow, hit clubs like Perv's House, Pepper's Hideout, the High Chaparral, the Patio Lounge and the Showcase Lounge to catch the crowds-ultra chic characters donning slick suits, gold lamé jackets and platinum wigs—in motion. The book comes packaged with a collection of fliers, club cards and businesses cards and a gatefold two-LP compilation, *Pepper's Jukebox*, which features some of the finest soul cuts from the era. LH



LIPSTICK TRACES: A SECRET HISTORY OF THE TWENTIETH CENTURY BY GREIL MARCUS (Belknap)

For the 20th anniversary of *Lipstick Traces*, Greil Marcus' subterranean (and barely linear) history of the evolving underground is getting a re-release. The iconic book is probably most famous for detailing the conception, gestation and birth of punk, touching not only on the antics of the notorious Sex Pistols, but also rightly hailing the less well-known Buzzcocks, Slits and others. This piece of anarcho-lit illuminates prominent sub-cultural and social movements, such as Dadaism and Lettrism, and delves into extremely broad-based topics outside of music—namely baseball. Seething with Marcus' voracious passion, *Lipstick Traces* is still a predominately personal and often stream-of-consciousness tome. LH

STONE ROSES 20TH ANNIVERSARY LIMITED COLLECTOR'S EDITION (Sony Legacy)

The Stone Roses have always had a flair for excess, so it seems fitting that they're celebrating the 20th anniversary of their seminal debut with a grandiose box set. All music fans with even a passing interest in groove should pick up at least the double-CD re-release. The bass has been remastered to be thicker, the beats are bolder and the guitars sound huge enough to match Ian Brown's ego. But there are enough goodies in the box set to please the sort of Roses super-fan that still sticks up for *The Second Coming*. You get vinyl, absurdly praise-filled liner notes and some rather stunning full-size prints of the album's Jackson Pollock-inspired artwork. (Pollock, incidentally, gets name checked in the worthy B-side "Going Down." I'm sure the Roses assumed Pollock would be flattered.) MT



MILO AUCKERMAN THROBBLEHEAD (Aggronautix)

Wanna be stereotyped? Wanna be classified? Then slip on your Descendents Vans and relive the glory days of So-Cal punk with the godfather of nerdcore, Milo Aukerman. The Descendents frontman's bespectacled seven-inch-tall "Throbblehead" is part of Aggronautix's collectibles series, which also includes the sold-out GG Allin doll, the new extra-filthy, bloody edition of the GG Allin doll, the Dwarves figurines and a few other un-family-friendly keepsakes that no music fan's mantle should be without. Rev. MOOSE



LET THEM KNOW: THE STORY OF YOUTH BRIGADE AND BYO RECORDS (BYO)

The days of driving hours to sweat at a filthy basement show where everyone was family never really ended for some, but *Let Them Know* gives honest insight into one of the most important groups of the early DIY era. This massive box set includes a double-LP of bands covering Youth Brigade, a CD version of the same, a hardcover book and, as if that weren't enough, a full-length DVD of the *Let Them Know* documentary, which includes interviews with the Bouncing Souls, Ian MacKaye, the late Brendan Mullen, Matt Skiba and other punk rock heroes. Tilly O'Reilly



LIVE AT THE SMELL (Cold Hands Video)

The all-ages, DIY-or-die L.A. venue The Smell has already become a legendary music-geek mecca, and *Live At The Smell* is the charmingly ramshackle, labor-of-love document that the scene deserves. Sure, some of the more middling bands have more guitar pedals than songwriting chops, and the camera work is... unpolished (but hey, you try keeping your camera steady when kids are moshing into you). But the energy loop between the bands and fans is infectious, and the footage of the Smell's most high-profile graduates, No Age and HEALTH, is nothing less than spectacular. MT



THE BEATLES APPLE DIGITAL CATALOG (EMI)

The most self-explanatory "Thing" on this page is a bushel of Beatles songs. The Fab Four's catalog has been notoriously unavailable digitally—something that became especially evident earlier this year when an online music service was found to be charging for tracks made unavailable by the publisher. But now to the pleasure of download aficionados everywhere—and anyone with limited shelf space—the complete Beatles catalog is now available in a compact USB format. And it comes packaged in a darling little signature green apple. LH



WEEZER SNUGGIE (As Seen On TV)

Well, it's gotta be better than *Raditude*. MT

