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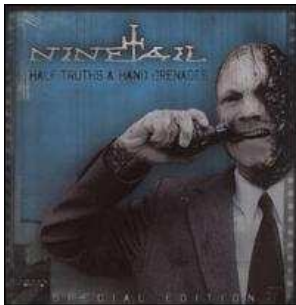
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Half Truths and Hand Grenade

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Ninetail



Review

by Phil Freeman

This Pennsylvania-based metal sextet combines the ultra-heavy riffing, groove, and rage-addicted vocals of *Pantera* and *Lamb of God* with the industrial-derived keyboard adornments of *Slipknot*, *Mushroomhead*, and *American Head Charge*. The result, on this sophomore album, is a potent encapsulation of American metal as it's been metastasizing since the late '90s. There's nothing wildly original here, but their fury is impressive, their ability to craft a riff that'll make kids bounce each other's heads off the floor of a club is undeniable, and their sense of dynamics when sequencing an album -- surprisingly for a young band -- is pretty solid. They follow a furious rant like "Seasoned Scheme" with a more midtempo, double-bass-drum-driven "The Decider," which, yes, includes samples of former President George W. Bush. Hey, if it was good enough for Ministry's Al Jourgensen, these guys'll take the bit and run with it. "God Willing" is an album highlight, with intricate bass work and an impressive guitar solo, and the disc's final track, "So Be It," is a largely instrumental collage of combat samples, heavy blues-rock riffs, and noise. Ultimately, this is a fierce album that should bump Ninetail past regional success and onto the national metal scene.

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Album

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Rating

★★★★☆

Release Date

Jul 14, 2009

Label

DRP

Genre

Pop/Rock

AMG Album ID

R 1566856

Corrections to this Entry?

Tracks

	Title	Composer	Time
1	Karma	Ninetail	0:43
2	Half Truths & Hand Grenades	Ninetail	3:23
3	Seasoned Scheme	Ninetail	3:16
4	The Decider	Ninetail	4:08
5	My Belief	Ninetail	3:52
6	Parabellum	Ninetail	4:16
7	God Willing	Ninetail	2:37
8	Bull Ring	Ninetail	3:31
9	Trials of a Madman	Ninetail	3:34
10	Forgive Me	Ninetail	4:31
11	Superpsycho	Ninetail	3:19
12	Cradled Lunacy	Ninetail	4:22
13	Westboro	Ninetail	3:31
14	So Be It	Ninetail	5:33
15	Trials of a Madman [multimedia track]	Ninetail	
16	Half Truths & Hand Grenades [multimedia track]	Ninetail	

Releases

Year	Type	Label	Catalog #
2009	CD	DRP	030

