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CRIMSON GLORY Strange and Beautiful Metal Mind Productions 2008



Strange & Beautiful Crimson Glory Best Price \$9.30 or Buy New \$21.98 Buy amazon.com

Privacy Information Official Site "Metal Mind Productions has done it again. They've reached far into the metal vaults to unearth some lost classics with the reissues of the Crimson Glory catalog. I would have loved to review all four, but I had to pick just one. Strange and Beautiful was the bands third album, and with most bands that have gotten that far, they chose to branch out from their, let's say unique progressive rock, and went with more of a commercial approach.

Gone were the silver masks, gone was the cosmic imagery. Crimson Glory got right down to basics on this one; sexually charged rock and roll. Not traditional rock and roll though. The bands still captures their unique edge, but just tries to appeal to a broader audience.

While "Strange and Beautiful," "Love and Dreams," and "In The Mood" really get the juices flowing, it's the tender ballad "Song for Angels" that steals the show. Get your copy today because this is a limited run of 2000.

--George Dionne



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"Has power metal finally gone commercial here in the States? Black Tide come out with their axes on fire with their debut album. There's no lack of energy here. Black Tide can punch it upbeat and energetic, or dark and somber. The album's only weakness is the band's take on Metallica's "Hit the Lights." "Warriors of Time" is the albums highpoint.

--George Dionne



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