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# FEMINIST REVIEW

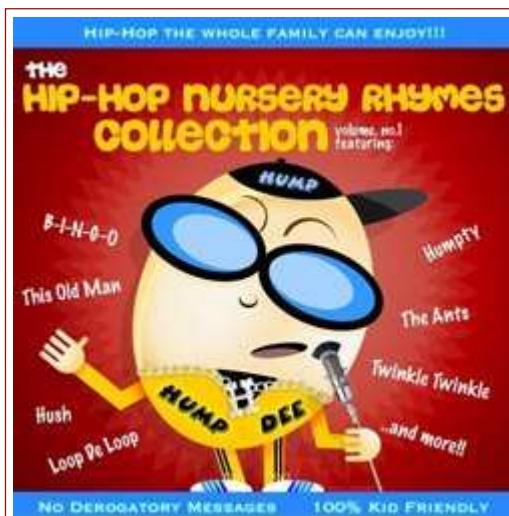
FEMINIST REVIEW BELIEVES THAT ALL OPINIONS - POSITIVE AND CRITICAL - ARE VALUABLE AND SEEKS TO GIVE VOICE TO COMMUNITIES THAT REMAIN ON THE MARGINS. OUR MISSION IS TO WRITE REVIEWS FROM FEMINIST PERSPECTIVES TO EXPLORE THE WORLD THROUGH AN ANTI-OPPRESSION LENS. WE RECOGNIZE THAT THERE ARE MANY FEMINISMS AND PROVIDE A SPACE WHERE THOSE DIFFERENCES CAN BE REPRESENTED AND EXPLORED. (THAT MEANS WE WANT YOU TO ADD YOUR OPINIONS TOO.)

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## Various Artists - The Hip-Hop Nursery Rhymes Collection

### Phoebus Entertainment

Admittedly, I requested the *Hip-Hop Nursery Rhymes* collection as a potential gift for breeders in my ambit, or their spawn. The album cover has a hat-and-chains-and-shades wearing Humpty Dumpty sitting on top of a wall, awaiting his fall. The producers' purpose is to provide families with hip hop that is positive and



cuss-word-free. Any call to "family values" usually makes me twitch, particularly if Christian, but there's a time and a place for everything, and it's nice to think that we can keep violence and misogyny out of the nursery. (Then again, the *Grimm's Fairytales* are quite gory and the girls are consistently victimized there.)

Their website notes: "As many smart grandmothers used to say, 'Profanity is for people with such a limited vocabulary they can't choose other words!'" My decidedly melanin-deprived maternal grandfather, Lyman Taylor Hurst, III, used to say the same. The CD project is noble, and possessing no progeny of my own, I eagerly awaited the responses of my target-market test group, ages three, one and one-half, and nine months. The report:

Mamie is nonplussed, and continues to address the more pressing concern of

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