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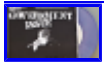
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Empress Dowager Cixi Ends Hundred Days of Reform in China (1898) 

The de facto ruler of the Manchu Qing Dynasty, Cixi ruled China for much of the period between 1861 and 1908. Following the death of Emperor Xianfeng, as well as that of his only heir, Empress Dowager Cixi violated normal succession order and named her nephew, 3-year-old Guangxu, to the throne. In 1898, after Guangxu attempted to institute political reforms against her wishes, Cixi staged a coup and effectively took political control. Who were the "Six Gentlemen"? [More...](#) [Discuss](#)

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Nubian Pyramids 

In the 8th century BCE, Egypt was conquered by Kushites from Napata—a city located to the south of Egypt in the area known today as Sudan. Although Napatan pharaohs ruled Egypt, it was Egypt that had an enormous cultural impact on Napata, prompting a period of vigorous pyramid-building that continued even in Napata's successor kingdom, Meroë. Approximately 220 pyramids were eventually built as tombs for Kushite kings and queens. These pyramids differ from their Egyptian counterparts in what way? [More...](#) [Discuss](#)

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Stephen King (1947) 

King is a popular American author of horror stories and one of the best-selling writers worldwide. His work bears the mark of the 19th-century Gothic tradition, often taking everyday situations and revealing their macabre and horrific potential. He is noted for his cinematic style, and several of his novels and stories have been made into successful movies, including *The Shining*, *Stand by Me*, and *The Shawshank Redemption*. What pen names has King used? [More...](#) [Discuss](#)

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Spanking Toddlers Makes Them More Aggressive



For decades, parents and psychologists have debated the merits of [spanking](#) children. While many say that an occasional swat is harmless in the long run, experts now say meting out the punishment early in a child's life can have lasting effects. A new study of more than 2,500 toddlers from low-income families found that those who were spanked as 1-year-olds tended to behave more [aggressively](#) at age 2 and performed worse on cognitive tests at the age of 3 than children who were spared the [punishment](#).

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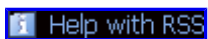
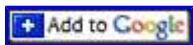
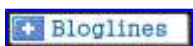
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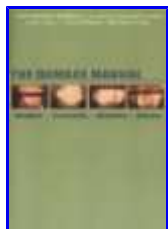


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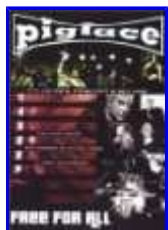
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Flipper – Love CD

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I can't believe it has now been 30 years since the band Flipper started, which means I'm really starting to get up there in age! Of course it also means so are they as the members of Flipper all have about ten years on me but they don't seem to let age slow them down as they are still at it, albeit after a 15 year hiatus from recording new material.

After reforming a couple years ago with Nirvana's Krist Novoselic taking over the bass duties of the late Will Shatter and playing sporadic shows, the band finally sat down and wrote some new material. *Love* features ten

new Flipper tunes that mostly prove the old men still have it, even though time has softened them up just a bit.

The sound of this album is a bit less abrasive than any previous Flipper albums (though admittedly I never heard the last one they did for American Recordings) and this is easily their most accessible album, however it still maintains enough of that classic Flipper feel to feel authentic. The songs are a bit on the long side, they are mid-tempo and dirgey. The rhythm section seems the most prominent in the mix, especially the bass and the whole thing has a dirty and gritty underlying tone. The vocals are still angry and honestly if you told me this was an early 1990s Sub Pop record I would believe you. It comes as no surprise that it has that feel since Jack Endino was the one who recorded this and he was at the helm for all those great old Sub Pop singles.

There's not a whole lot of diversity in the sound between the different songs but Flipper songs always had a similar feel to me before so that's nothing new. Overall this was a really good listen from start to finish and a lot more digestible than some of their early work (though once you acquired the taste for Flipper you understand the magic of those early albums and singles) and is a very good addition to the Flipper catalog. Not a bad comeback after nearly 15 years of lying dormant!

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