

BOOKS AND DVDS

CONSUMABLES

Our Resident Media Nerds Tell You What To Like.

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MORNING WOOD

(GINGKO PRESS/BOOK)

Morning Wood is an exhaustive compilation of the work of 50 of the planet's top "alternative creators." Featuring artists like John Pound, creator of the "Garbage Pail Kids," to Sex Pistols art director Jamie Reid and dozens of current/up-and-coming creative forces, this book truly "represents." Each artist was given a bio and four pages with which to have their way with. A unique book that mixes the work of creative titans young and old.

www.ginkgopress.com

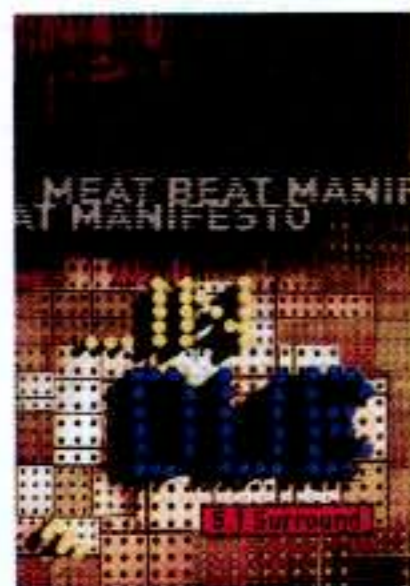
ZEN TV-VIDEO RETROSPECTIVE

(NINJA TUNE/DVD)

Ah, Ninja Tune, one of the greatest forces still left in the electronic music galaxy. This retrospective features over 36 of their best and strangest music videos from their illustrious reign as the most creative and prolific music label of the modern world. Only a couple of these videos have seen the light of day in the US, so you are certainly in for a visual treat. There is also an exclusive 60-minute audio mix included. Also, make sure to pick-up the four CDs that have been released in conjunction with this DVD—*Zen CD: A Retrospective* and *Zen RMX: Remix Retrospective*—to complete your Ninja Tune shrine. Check for their upcoming Ninja Tune tour as well. Much respect. www.ninjatune.net

MEAT BEAT MANIFESTO
IN DUB 5.1 SURROUND

(RUN RECORDINGS/DVD)

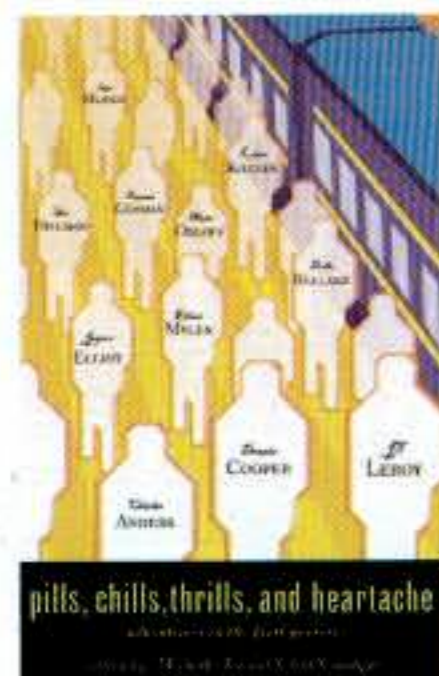


Here is a dangerous idea. Let sound technician Jack Dangers control the six speakers in your living room while Ben Stokes provides the visuals. Together they create a 120-minute, dubbed out 3D space that is both beautiful and menacing. This is not some afterthought gimmick to make a buck. The audio and the video were created together to get that much deeper into your head. Capable of making you giggle and flinch at the same time, Jack Dangers knows what he is doing in your living room. 5.1 Surround fits Meat Beat Manifesto like a glove.

www.runrecordings.com

PILLS, THRILLS, CHILLS AND HEARTACHE:
ADVENTURES IN THE FIRST PERSON

(ALYSON BOOKS/BOOK)



If you've ever been greeted by a quirky, impeccably dressed door guy in suspenders at your favorite LA club, then you've probably met Mr. Clint Catalyst. He's working to put words back in our mouths. In this age of squeaky clean images of gays in the media, here come 40 literary pioneers, excavating the funny, freaky and all-too-real worlds rarely discussed and barely seen. This new anthology brings together a dream cast of literature's new avant-garde, sandwiched alongside a few writers appearing in print for the first time. Catalyst calls the end product "a wonderful sampling of oddities, like a dangerous box of chocolates or an unmarked prescription bottle." Care to sample? www.alyson.com (Josh Mintz)

WEB SLINGERS

More dope links than a Columbian golf course.

BY RICHARD THOMAS THE DUKE OF URL

BOYCOTT GILLETTE

www.boycottgillette.com

Apparently razor blade shoplifting is so rampant and corrosive to our country's moral fiber that Gillette has begun placing Radio Frequency Identification chips on each package to give off tiny electromagnetic pulses. (Think 'smart' UPC codes unique to each item that can track the buyer's location.) Gillette says they improve warehouse tracking. We say Gillette is a lying bunch of clean-shaven Draconian asshats. Here's a tip. Try making an eight-pack of blades cheaper than, say, a pair of leather pants and maybe we'll pay.

FROM CRIME II CHRIST RECORDZ

<http://fromcrimetochristrecordz.com>

"Yo Bishop OG Freeze, my man! I haven't seen you since we used to put half-steppers on blast up in ChiTown. 'Member all them honey dips we used to front on over at Lil' Puppet's crib. Damn, homie. That was back in the day. Seriously though, what you into? When we hang out? You straight dropped an album?! Word! Let me peep it. 'My Testimony,' 'Scream Jesus,' 'No Weapon,' 'My Shepherd.' Man, you on some other shit. Yo dog, I'll check you later a'ite? I gotta bounce, for real though."

VEGAN EROTICA

www.veganerotica.com

It was around the time last year when I gave up my search to find pleather whips, non-comedogenic vibrating vaginas, and strap-on Junior Dongs that haven't been tested on mice. Thankfully a close friend turned me on to this website. Vegan Erotica sells "passion with the compassionate," which includes everything from belts to harnesses to hitting to the point of pain. Because a night of healthy vegan cuisine and tofu bean pie isn't complete without a lash, they also offer a 14-inch slapper.

THE TRUTH ABOUT RAVE

www.truthaboutrave.com

You know, I'm past the point of getting upset about sites like this. A lot of it has to do with their asinine critiques of electronic music. Christian music is about as inspiring to non-Christians as gangsta rap nü-metal is to deaf Toby Keith fans. (Sorry, Mom.) While many ravers have attended church, chances are most church-going folk haven't attended a single rave. I stopped trying to figure out the truth about rave a long time ago. Know why? 'Cause the whole "truth about God" debate was taking up all my time.

LIL' MYNX

www.lilmynx.com

This is pure genius. Lil' Mynx is a removable stripper pole that slides into an inconspicuous hook you screw into your ceiling, and anchors to carpeted surfaces with rubber pads. Its 200 pounds of support can accommodate the most rotund of performers or withstand the antics of two Wilhelmina models. Unfortunately, at \$250 for the low-end unit, it's grossly overpriced, but look at the big picture. Assuming you have no problem with rug burns, two weeks of at-home performance will pay this off.

GUN CHICKS

www.gunchicks.com

Some dudes like ugly chicks, some dudes like guns. Put them together and you're bound to reach some semblance of an audience. But this site is bigger than that. Championing our right to bear arms, Gun Chicks features links to purchase weapons as well as various FAQs on gun ownership. Did I mention it has a whole grip of ugly chicks on it? Scary part is, the guns they're holding probably belong to their psycho boyfriends who somehow get off on the fact that thousands of strange men are getting off to pics of their women. Frightening yet fascinating.

HERB ZIPPER, CYBER-LOVAH

www.herbzipper.com

Watch the video. Immediately.