

Method Man

Method Man answers. Criticized by some for his first effort *Tical*, Method Man returns with his sophomore album *Tical 2000: Judgement Day*. This effort delivers on all levels and should silence

any critics that are left. The beats are solid on every song and manage to keep up with Meth's lyrics. Some of the producers on the project are veterans Rza, Eric Sermon and Havoc as well

as lesser known producers True Master, 4th Disciple and Mathematics. Meth also manages to include original skits such as ones with Janet Jackson, Donald Trump and Ed Lover

wondering where Method Man is and a hilarious skit with Chris Rock. Some of the best joints are "Cradle Rock", "Step By Step," "Play IV Keeps" and "Judgement Day."

Def Jam

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Take 5

Surprise, surprise! Another boy band to add to the ever-growing list. Well what can anyone say about such a band. It is the same

type of music with the same agenda: serenade young ladies with sweet love songs in order to swoon them. The best way to describe Take 5

is to take the musical style of the Backstreet Boys and cross them with the voice range of the Hansons. At present, Take 5 has had one

hit single called "I Give". As a bonus, this CD includes a CD-ROM video of the "I Give" music video.

Jay-Z

The man called Jigga blew up with this one. Hard Knock is not Jay-Z's first release but it is the one that got him known the world over. This one even had white girls eve-

rywhere singing "it's a hard knock life." For skits Jay-Z uses gansta movie scenes switched so they deal with his record company Roc-A-Fella. The real gems are the

songs, a couple of which have turned into huge singles. There is the ghetto anthem "Hard Knock Life" and the other big single recently released "Can I Get A...."

Other tracks to check out are "A Week Ago" and "It's Alright."

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Redman

Although this is Redman's fourth album he shows no signs of slowing down. *Doc's Da Name* starts where *Dirty Waters* left off. Red comes back with hardcore rhymes, funky beats and funnyass skits. Some of the songs that shine the most are "I'll Be Dat!", "Jersey Yo!", "Da Goodness" featuring Busta Rhymes and "Brick City Mashin'!"

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1C	Melanie Doane	<i>Adam's Rib</i>
2	Eve6	<i>Eve6</i>
3C	Various	<i>Celtic Colours</i>
4C	The Watchmen	<i>Silent Radar</i>
5C	Chocolate Grinder	<i>Oceans</i>
6C	MIC	<i>MIC</i>
7C	Bryan Lee	<i>Live at the Absinthe House Bar</i>
8	Sugar Ray	<i>14:59</i>
9C	Barenaked Ladies	<i>Stunt</i>
10C	Strawberry	<i>Brokeheart Audio</i>
11	2Pac	<i>Greatest Hits</i>
12	Fatboy Slim	<i>You've come along way Baby</i>
13C	Undercovers	<i>Some People</i>
14C	Big Sugar	<i>Heated</i>
15	Various	<i>Untied States of Punk</i>
16	Less Than Jake	<i>Hello rockwell</i>
17C	Joydrop	<i>If I forget</i>
18	Tribe called Quest	<i>The Love Movement</i>
19	Various	<i>Blast from the Past SoundTrack</i>
20C	The Creators	<i>Mixed Nuts</i>