

Today, I'll be reviewing 'Bleach' by Nirvana! Wow, Wikipedia says the music is a mix of 'Grunge, sludge metal, alternative rock, punk rock and hard rock'. Interesting, as the music is actually very consistent. It would be very easy to assume all the styles just mentioned sound EXACTLY the same, right? I guess the music is sludgy, but grunge is often sludgy (it's actually one of its main traits) so it's confusing mentioning the sludge metal genre. It's kind of like calling a colour both 'dark blue' and 'deep blue', there is a difference but at the same time, it's a waste of time trying to understand as doing so changes NOTHING. It makes those coining the phrases look kinda dumb, tbh. Not fair as a REAL sludge metal band called 'Lair of the Minotaur' is nothing like Nirvana. The latter band do not have tracks called 'War Metal Battle Master' like the former do, although it is worth pointing out LotM are a thrash band too. Complicated stuff. Maybe the 'punk rock' in the Bleach album refers to Nirvana's raw and aggressive singing style but you've guessed it, a lack of talent does not make a new style of music. Ok, ok, his singing is actually pretty good, but aggression at very least isn't a style of music, just a trait! Or is it? Again, hard to understand.

Pretty much all bands that use lots of distortion are either hard rock or metal, so the 'hard rock' claim doesn't make too much sense either. I guess the music is hard rock in a way, but 'Helter Skelter' by The Beatles is kinda hard rock too, but calling them the genre just confuses people more. As in 'I like hard rock bands like The Beatles!' No, no, no! Here's a name of a real hard rock song 'House of Pain' by Van Halen, let's hear a Beatles song called that, it's too dark! Again, NIRVANA ARE GRUNGE, a genuine nightmare for logic seeking autistic people. I would comment on the 'alternative rock' traits apparently in the music but I'm not 100% what that genre is. Let's Google it now. It's similar to grunge? #facepalm. You know what? I guess I should memorise exactly what alternative rock is, as my favourite metal subgenre is alternative metal and THAT'S heavy metal combined with alternative rock. I basically don't really know what I'm listening to and that is bothering me. In comparison, you wouldn't want a fan of action movies not knowing what action is, that's the kind of thing you need to sort out immediately. God knows how you'd handle a conversation about such movies without such knowledge, you're really screwed...

Annoyingly, as I was typing whilst listening to the album being discussed, I wasn't concentrating on the music and I basically missed my favourite track, that being 'About A Girl'. Why not listen to it again? I'd get bored of it even if only subconsciously, so I'll have to wait until tomorrow at the very earliest. Moving on, some of the guitar solos in this album actually have some pretty intriguing note choices but like the Wikipedia article, I'm assuming some notes were just mistakes. Nice mistakes though, unlike the article which had mistakes (or at very least things that could have been explained better) that can easily mess with a music noob's head. You want to truly understand rock and metal? You better do some damn hard graft. The riff in 'Love Buzz' actually sounds kinda flashy, though guitarists will know there's a trick to playing it that is actually fairly simple. If it was hard, Kurt would have to be a good guitarist, and if he was good, why do almost all of his guitar solos in his other albums suck so much? On the plus side though, the riffs aren't a mistake! Oh, I never knew that song was a cover, Wikipedia says it was originally by Robbie van Leeuwen. I have no idea who that is, but he writes a flashy sounding if simple riff!

Now what to rate the album? As explained, I wasn't really listening to it but I have most certainly heard it before. I think a solid 9.25/10 is justified! That score is actually

the 2nd best out of the 10 listed on the album's Wiki page, so who's unfair and unreasonable now? Not me, I'm on meds. 'Blender' gave the lowest score, that being three stars. Wow, that low? Blender are clearly scum. Whoops, NOW I've been unreasonable. The thing with giving scores is different sites give different ratings. A serious site like Allmusic.com hardly ever gives 5 stars, Metal Rules on the other hand give out better grades way more frequently. Do MR simply review better albums? Nope. My scoring is particularly weird as an 8 is a D grade, 9 is a B plus and 9.5 is an A. How it ever turned out that way, I don't really know! I'll tell you this much, if I ever give an album 1 out 10, it most likely suggests it's so bad the pandemic will come back again. God knows how bad a 0.5 out of 10 would be. I've never liked 'My Sharona' by The Knack. I'm not sure if the song spreads disease, though. And yep, that's all I have to say about Bleach, other than listen to bleach, don't get it on your eyes!! Bye!