

Ah, 'Surviving' by Jimmy Eat World, the album with by far the brightest spine in my whole CD collection. Does it stand out in other ways? Not really, it's mainly just the cover. It is a good album, just not amazing. I don't mean to go too weird on you, but the army survive by wearing camouflage. I guess CDs survive by standing out and not getting broken, so the title does work for people like me. Of course, the album would survive better if the band name was far later on in the alphabet, so it doesn't have the risk of cracking when someone shuffles their collection to make it alphabetised, but is it worth changing your band name for that reason alone? Try explaining that decision to fans who aren't quite as open minded as you and I. Expect lots of people asking what the flip are the band are on about. ZZ Top are a band who's audience only rarely crack their CDs. They should be respected for that. AC/DC on the other hand? They need to think more. As do Aerosmith, and to a lesser extent Avenged Sevenfold.

According to Wikipedia, one reviewer DIDN'T like the album name but he doesn't truly understand the mindset of a hardened, wise music collector and how weak plastic is. He wanted to name to be 'Thriving' which does sound positive obviously and that's good, but come on; no CDs is invincible as the guy suggested. Maybe the cases would be thriving if they were made of steel or titanium, but they're not in this day and age. The reviewer is a visionary, a dreamer, but arguably not practical. Another reviewer said the album's sound had its eyes on the future. The album was released in 2019. Little did that reviewer know the following years would not be so good. Arguably the only bands that had their eyes on the future at that time were depressive doom metal bands.

Apparently the genres of the release are emo and arena rock. I wonder what would happen if a band that didn't play in the latter style found success and ended up playing in stadiums. What music would they play, then? It wouldn't make sense, would it? Non-arena arena rock? A puzzler at first, genuine torture after a year or so. And you thought I was confusing talking about the CD spine for no clear reason. Trying to contemplate the hypothetical genre would result in a profound waste of life. And what would happen if a stadium band loses most of its audience and plays a smaller gig? I'd imagine the audience would panic about not being able to fit into the venue. These are legitimate fears, people could get squashed. Their record label is called 'Exotic Location'. Naturally a location is only exotic if it's far away. A label that's far away from EVERYONE? That must mean the label is based somewhere in space. Which I doubt. You know a more honest label? Sony.

I don't mean to sound all over the place by bringing up music genres again, (though my writing does get weirder, often intensionally, mostly out of apathy), but the band also play a style call 'pop punk'. It most likely means 'popular punk music', though if you're more familiar with slang, it could mean 'shoot a useless person' which isn't on. Especially as I'm what many people consider 'a punk'. I disagree, but that's just what some people think. I listened to punk music as a child, but in this crazy world, that doesn't matter. I'm not considered a music fan, but an idiot. >:(They also play pop rock, which could mean popular rock'n'roll, or someone who shoots rocks. I guess that's harmless. (Unless you're a rock). Or it could mean shoot someone off his rocker, which again, is a distressing thought for someone like me. Again, it's probably just a genre.

To conclude, not a bad album at all! It's all about the music, not the colour of spines, etc., right? (Right?) If you question such an opinion, you get my respect. You really are a free thinker. A bit of a weirdo, maybe even unemployable, but intelligent. I give the CD an 8.5/10. Now for an extra section, I like to call a 'mega-post-conclusion' to really create a sense of occasion... What world did Jimmy eat, exactly? Earth? If so, when? First I've heard of it. Maybe he ate another planet when on a space-based recording studio. And if so... .. when? THAT'S an interesting question. It's more interesting than the picture of a black hole, that's just a hole surrounded by an orange ring. How's that exciting? Turns out many people were excited. Imagine the thrill that result if someone tracked Jim down for an interview! :O But how to feed him? And on that inspiring and scary note, bye!