

Questionable personality aside, today I'll be reviewing 'Off the Wall' by Michael Jackson! After hearing someone play the super-sophisticated and jazzy chords of album track 'I Can't Help It' on keys, I had to give the rest of the song a listen. I hate to bring up my music again, but yeah, it can't really compete with tracks like ICHI and rather embarrassingly, it's SUPPOSED to. (Well not lyrically). Having given the song a listen with feelings of cool vibes AND jealousy, I decided to order the whole album! Wow, that Michael Jackson sure is talented... Well that's what I thought at first, actually two other people wrote 'ICHI' for him. He sings it well, though... Not only that, the internet says it's not even the best song on the LP! I had to find out more... Turns out the album has a huge mass of five star reviews on Wikipedia?? Again, let's just pretend Michael was a normal person and let's separate the art from the artist. Something I can do very easily as I've had more than enough practice doing so with various metal bands. Being a rather immoral person helps with things too, it's largely a myth that metal musicians are violent but no, some are! However, I must stress I am NOT a criminal! Anyway, I was super excited to give the whole project a listen. As always, I put a note on my door telling people not to post the CD and to leave it by the entrance. My wish was granted but the CD was cracked anyway. Very annoying. It's like buying a car with a huge dent in it and getting told 'no it's cool, you can still drive the thing!' Yeah, I get that! In that case, let me hit your Gibson Les Paul's body with a hammer. It won't affect how it plays at all.

After doing some more internet searches, an online ranking said OTW is MJ's second best album. I knew I had good taste, yes I completely agree! (Well, almost). 'Thriller' is supposed to be his best album, but I like OTW more as it isn't quite so silly. Well, 'Thriller' is a silly song, anyway. Fun, but hard to take seriously. Very strange as you'd think a song mentioning killers, ghouls, terror, the dead and demons would be scary. It's like writing a disco song about Jeffrey Dahmer. According to Amazon it's the 22nd best-selling soul album available from the site. I clearly need to get into soul, I wonder what number one is, I'll find out now. Oh wow, after buying the album OTW is now 7th most popular! It's clearly a very tight competition! Anyway, let's check the winner... In first and second place are more Michael Jackson albums? As I know of him already obviously, this isn't the enlightening experience I was hoping for. I really was hoping for something new. In 3rd place though is 'Songs in the Key of Life' by Stevie Wonder. Let's give THAT a listen... It's ok but not THAT good. A shame really as it would be very easy to add to my CD collection, remember it would be in the W section, not S. Even better. This may sound weird, but I am enjoying looking at the album spine now it's joined by its fellow CDs, at least the spine isn't cracked. In fact, I once bought another version of Metallica's 'Kill 'em All' album as THAT spine was damaged. If it was a more rare and expensive album I would have left it, but it wasn't so it had to be updated.

To conclude, having given the whole album a listen, I love it! The song by Paul McCartney is a bit annoying maybe, as is the last song and 'She's Out of My Life' is too girly, but I think the album deserves a borderline Deftones score of 9.9/10! I guess I've mellowed with age but hopefully I won't be dangling babies out of my window. I'd like to own a theme park, though. Now what to say? Hm, my grammar checker has pointed out that the words in 'Songs of the Key of Life' should be capitalised. (I actually knew that, I just didn't bother dealing with that at first as I didn't really think it mattered). That's one clever grammar checker, very knowledgeable about soul music too, as it did seem to recognise the album,

otherwise why capitalise a sentence about songs and keys? It's not that clever though as it insists that the band 'The The' is a mistake. Sometimes I want to listen to my grammar checker not for the sake of being correct, but to just get rid of that annoying, squiggly blue line under some of the apparent errors. I always correct spelling mistakes though, there's no point in writing things like 'I liek the album it's gud.' That would be too honest for me. Now what to say? Ah yes, let's see how well OTW is doing in the rankings, now... It's the 12th best-selling soul album from the site? There is some very fierce competition clearly, but Michael seems to be mostly competing with himself. And on that crazy note... bye!