

How to Write Great Album Reviews by Josh Specht

Writing album reviews is not only a great way to share your thoughts with the world, but it can also help you gain a deeper appreciation of music. As a result, the first key to writing a successful album review is to be a true music connoisseur. Pick a genre of music you enjoy and learn everything about it. Read reviews of albums in the genre, purchase albums and listen to them over and over. The more you know about your topic, the better you'll write about it. Another key to writing quality reviews is gaining experience. Don't be self-conscious about your reviews; everyone has to start somewhere. Just write and write and write. And I suggest you start writing about albums you like, that way you'll find it easy to talk about them. Positive reviews, while often less memorable than very negative reviews, are more fun to write. After you've written your reviews, show them to your friends and see what they think. If you don't have anybody good to consult, post them on-line. You're sure to get feedback. Also, know the album you're reviewing. Listen to every track, several times. You might even want to write a mini-review of every song. That way you know the album backwards and forwards. To write a truly great review, you need to be very familiar with the album. Superficial reviews are easy to spot. The final key to writing a great review is thinking about what your readers might want. If you wanted to know more about an album, what would you ask? When writing your review, imagine a friend has asked you about the album, and write about what you'd tell them. It's always important to keep the reader in mind.

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