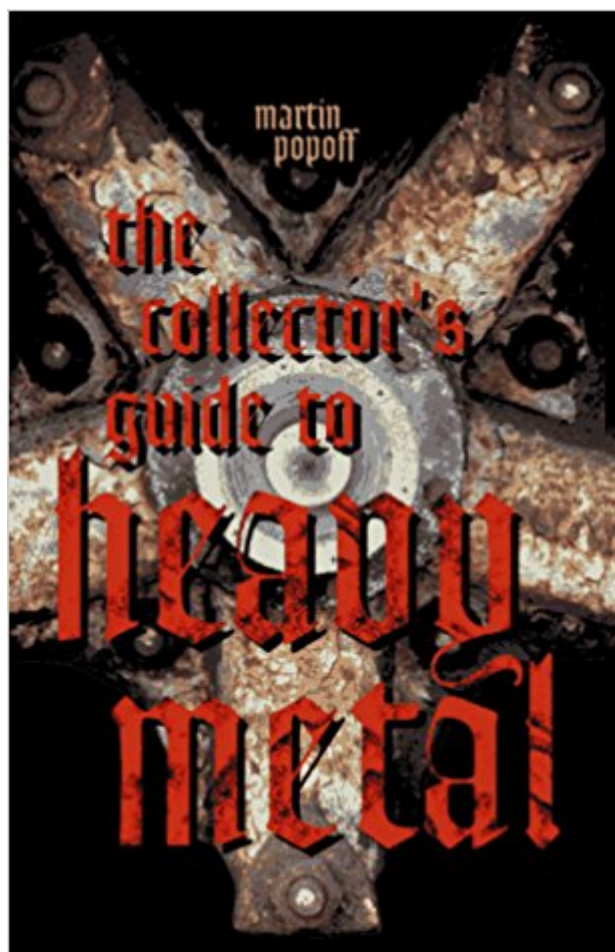


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Synopsis

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Customer Reviews

2 528 reviews arranged with the bands arranged alphabetically and the bands catalogues arranged chronologically form the meat and potatoes of this 432 page book on the hard `n' heavy product of the metal decade. With this tome Popoff has hit the decade where the number of hard rock and heavy music releases started to spiral upwards. As such the book is not as complete as per the volume on the Seventies appeared to be even though this one has more than twice the reviews. Popoff comes across to me as a completist - one of those retentive fans that just wants to include the lot. And for that I salute him and I can imagine the pain he went through not being able to cover even albums he knew belonged in here due to space and time limitations. Having said that basically everything that is important is here. Popoff doesn't have much time for live albums and that's fair enough, though he is willing to cover a few salient items. Nor does he give much truck to greatest hits compilations unless they pique his interest for some reason. And given the number of times

greatest hits selections are put out with little track listing variation by some bands that's a totally justifiable position to take. One difference apparent in this volume is that while there is still a score out of ten for each release the heaviness quotient - a score out of ten for heaviness - which the author utilised in his 70's book has been discontinued. Personally I don't really miss it as I have albums from throughout the hard 'n' heavy spectrum in my collection, so just a description of the music will do me just fine thanks. In terms of his musical opinions, this is a guy who has carved himself a career in music built on sheer passion - I may not agree with each and every review of his but for petes sake who would?

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