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White Heat- Love It Or Hate It ? (#p141122)

by **darren2722** » Tue Dec 17, 2013 3:07 pm

Hi, Was wondering what thoughts the members of LTD have about *White Heat*? Is it a Neglected masterpiece, that given a proper release would have put Dusty back on top 5 years before *What Have I Done To Deserve This* Or do you not like Dusty's sudden change of pace after the two previous (Pretty Good in my opinion)'Easy Listening Albums' ?

Personally I love this album and it's in my Top 3 Dusty albums of all time. ❤️ Funny enough it took me a few plays to 'get' Dusty In Memphis' 😬 but I got into White Heat straight away. 😊

Highlights: I love every track on this album, But for me *Gotta Get Used To You* is the weakest, and gets skipped a bit, But there's such a wide range of classic songs here *Donnez Moi* is Dusty at her naughtiest, *I Don't Think We Could Ever Be Friends* Is a great Pop Song, *Blind Sheep* is my fav track here, and might be the last time Dusty fully let rip???? *Time And Time Again* is a fantastic love song up with a lot of her 60's output, *Sooner Or Later* is just a great song and vocals and I absolutely love her phrasing here. 😊 Soft Core shouldn't work and wouldn't work with anybody else singing, with Dusty doing her best Marlene Dietrich impression. 🙌🙌🙌

Would love to hear what people first thought when buying *White Heat* at the time of release, Were you bitterly disappointed?? or did you love it from first listen like I did retrospectively 30 years later. 😊

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Re: White Heat- Love It Or Hate It ? (#p141133)

by **allherfaces** » Tue Dec 17, 2013 3:52 pm

I don't recall the album when it was first released, but I quite like it. Don't love or hate it. At the same time, I don't play it much, because it reminds me of someone in Dusty's past of whom I'm not fond. And one of the lines in one of the songs particularly disturbs me. 🙄

When I'm in a lighter mood, I think I'll give it another spin.

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Re: White Heat- Love It Or Hate It ? (#p141138)

by **neonouille** » Tue Dec 17, 2013 4:11 pm

Personally, I love this album, it's one of my favourites. I don't know exactly why, but I remember that I liked every song really quickly. Maybe because it's a different sound if we compare to her other cds. I couldn't say.

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Re: White Heat- Love It Or Hate It ? (#p141141)

by **pat.dunham** » Tue Dec 17, 2013 4:25 pm

I purchased "White Heat" through Amazon market place, used. It is in excellent condition and I paid £25.00. I just noticed that it has come back on sale at £12.49 (New), perhaps it is a re-release. I was curios to hear it as reviews were quite mixed, but I love it. Dusty expresses herself through her music and this album had to be made to get rid of some emotions she was probably bottling up.

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Re: White Heat- Love It Or Hate It ? (#p141142)

by **Brian** » Tue Dec 17, 2013 4:49 pm

Luckily at the time of release in the US (1982), I was able to obtain an import copy almost on the week of release.

I loved it then..and love it even more now. 'I AM CURIOUS' and 'DONNEZ MOI' was issued as a back-to-back single, and I managed to sell 36 copies of that single in the shop I worked in at the time 🤔

I love every track, although 'Gotta get used to you' is my LEAST favourite 😬

IMO 'Soft Core' is one of the best ever tracks Dusty recorded.

It amazed me Casablanca Records never issued it in the UK at the time, as they were a record company that took chances, but as Neil Bogart the then owner departed the company in 1980 'due to lavish spending', and Polygram took 50% of the label it started to slowly go downhill. The huge hits it had enjoyed by Donna Summer, The Village People and Kiss were to be no more. Sadly Neil died of cancer in 1982, around the same time as White Heat was released - but if he'd still been 'in charge' with his 'drive' and 'foresight' I'm sure it would have been a much bigger success commercially.

IMO it's still one of Dusty's most rewarding albums.

Brian

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Re: White Heat- Love It Or Hate It ? (#p141145)

by **Zoey** » Tue Dec 17, 2013 6:36 pm

I love this album. I group albums together in my head, and for me White Heat stands alone. It's so different and it sounds badass. 😁

The artwork is gorgeous too. 😊

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Re: White Heat- Love It Or Hate It ? (#p141185)

by **Cardiff Bluesgirl** » Wed Dec 18, 2013 10:06 am

no not keen on it I don't play it very often although the songs appear on my ipod shuffle mode. I suppose for me, there is a sense of "the car crash" Dusty was in at the time running through it all.

"soft core " is one I like a lot even though I cant stand the link this had with Dusty either. 🤔

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Re: White Heat- Love It Or Hate It ? (#p141200)

by **Cas19** » Wed Dec 18, 2013 12:07 pm

Its not one I play a lot, but theres two tracks I do like. 'Soft Core' and 'Time and Time again.'

Casx

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Re: White Heat- Love It Or Hate It ? (#p141210)

by **IWannaBeABluesSinger** » Wed Dec 18, 2013 4:24 pm

As a testament to Dusty's love of new sounds it's excellent. She certainly had no fear of leaving her core audience behind and jumping enthusiastically into new territory. But it's not my kind of music so I don't play it often.

Maggie

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Re: White Heat- Love It Or Hate It ? (#p141231)

by **Beautiful soul** » Thu Dec 19, 2013 1:01 am

On my first listen, I remember being shocked-- then impressed all over again---once the shock had passed. Lol! It wasn't warm and fuzzy, it was hard edged, but well done as usual. I was fascinated by "Blind Sheep", a real departure for me. Donnez moi was a real eye opener, I couldn't believe what I was hearing! 🤔 I wondered why Dusty objected to the James Bond song "Nobody Does it Better", as being too overt?! Whoa, this was a shock song choice. 😊 I can't say I immediately loved this album because, even without knowing the back story of this album when I heard it, I did think-- "something's not right here ". Now that I understand that Dusty wanted or needed to record this album, I became more accepting of it. But as some have also pointed out, for me, will always be a little tainted by what she was going thru at the time.

Soft Core reminded me of what a shame it was that we never saw Dusty in a movie, she would have been a superb actress!! Still, I do like the record, I just don't play it as often as the others.

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Re: White Heat- Love It Or Hate It ? (#p141241)

by **PeelMeAGrape** » Thu Dec 19, 2013 3:42 am

I LOVE *White Heat*! I first got into Dusty's music because of WHIDTDT, and immediately set about acquiring as many of her albums as possible. On first listen, *White Heat* was played in a sort of frenzy with much of Dusty's other '80s work, so it didn't seem as shockingly different to me as it seems to have for many of you, who were better acquainted with Dusty's '60s stylings. I came to realize what a radical departure it was in Dusty's catalog, of course, and it endeared the album to me more than ever.

Aside from the music, I know the lyrics to many of the songs trouble people, but they are so mature and right for an artist of Dusty's age at the time she recorded them. I've read how that was something Dusty was concerned about later on, when recording *A Very Fine Love*, the content of

the lyrics matching her experiences and age, so the fact that she stayed true to that feeling (mostly! *I Want To Stay Here* and a few others being a bit of a departure) for so much of her career is another point in the album's favor.

I agree with so much of your review, Darren! *Gotta Get Used to You* is the one song I always skip, and *Blind Sheep* is the one I always repeat. And the heels on *Soft Core*! So dramatic, it does feel like a movie. I guess "drama" is the one theme that links Dusty's discography together. 😊

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Re: White Heat- Love It Or Hate It ? (#p141302)

by **mmcv1** » Thu Dec 19, 2013 5:54 pm

LOVE IT! 🍷 🌹

I might've mentioned it here in the past, but that album is basically what led me to Let's Talk Dusty a few years back.

I bought my first Dusty album in the 90's (about a year or so before she passed away), and I bought a few other things (including DIM) in the years following. I had also seen the *Definitely Dusty* documentary, which further cemented my love for Dusty.

But...a piece of the "puzzle" was missing. Like most greatest hits collections, the documentary quickly skated over the years 1971-1986; I knew NOTHING about ANY of the music she released during that time.

And I never made an attempt to track the music down because, based on the above observations, I just assumed it was all unworthy of consideration.

One day on one of my Pandora channels, "Don't Call it Love" came on. I really like this! To my surprise it's Dusty, and it's from this *White Heat* album. Curiosity piqued, I then went on the relatively new (at the time) youtube. At the time the whole album was uploaded, and the next song I heard was "I Don't Think We Could Ever Be Friends".

I was done. Cooked. The song is awesome, and I was amazed that this woman whose image was so deeply tied to the 60's and bouffants and panda eyes and all of that was able to acclimate so well to a totally different sound. Next I heard "Time and Time Again" and that was my cue to buy the album.

I got the CD for like \$12 on eBay. I think a week later I searched for Dusty online and found LTD. ❤️

The album is not perfect, but it's such a provocative, boldly painted statement that I can't help but be taken in by it. I think it's damn near the best thing she ever put out. I definitely think- without hesitation- it's her best post-Wilderness Years album.

I know it's a stretch to go from "wishin' and hopin'" to being "addicted to lethal sexuality", but I had to remove the spectre of Dusty's past and appreciate this album on its' own terms. Being a fan of 80's music certainly helps.

And I still think, with a video and some promotion "I Don't Think We Could Ever Be Friends" would've been a hit.

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Re: White Heat- Love It Or Hate It ? (#p142722)

by **Zoey** » Mon Jan 06, 2014 12:42 pm

Okay, so I got some new headphones for xmas because my old ones broke. These headphones only cost £20 and they blow my mind. The word epic is thrown around a lot these days, but White Heat sounds truly EPIC. My brain doesn't know what hit it. 🤪🤪

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Re: White Heat- Love It Or Hate It ? (#p142728)

by **SweMaria** » Mon Jan 06, 2014 1:25 pm

I Love the White Heat album!! 🎵👍

My favourite songs there are "Don't Call It Love". 🎵 and "Gotta Get Use To You" 🎵

I wish that these songs still were on Youtube... 😞

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Re: White Heat- Love It Or Hate It ? (#p142729)

by **karen** » Mon Jan 06, 2014 1:31 pm



Don't Call It Love.. 🎵

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Re: White Heat- Love It Or Hate It ? (#p142732)

by **Zoey** » Mon Jan 06, 2014 2:03 pm

It's such a shame they have copyright issues. Maybe I'll have a go at uploading them.

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Re: White Heat- Love It Or Hate It ? (#p142744)

by **pat.dunham** » Mon Jan 06, 2014 4:31 pm

Zoey wrote:

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I love White Heat too- now you know how Dusty felt when she demanded "more track" when recording especially DIM. It is a wonder she never became deaf.

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Re: White Heat- Love It Or Hate It ? (#p142746)

by **SweMaria** » Mon Jan 06, 2014 5:15 pm

Don't Call It Love.. 🎵

Thank you soo much for posting the song here Karen!! 🤝🎵🎵🎵

How could you find it on youtube? "I'm curious, I wanna know" 😊 😊

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Re: White Heat- Love It Or Hate It ? (#p142748)

by **Richard** » Mon Jan 06, 2014 5:24 pm

I like it. 😊 Not her best album by any means, but it does have some good songs. Donnez moi is great and should have been a hit. Time and time again is the best rack, and is classic Dusty. Rich

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Re: White Heat- Love It Or Hate It ? (#p142753)

by **Zoey** » Mon Jan 06, 2014 6:04 pm

I'm uploading the whole album now. 😊 Shall we take bets on how long it will be before they send me an email asking me to take it down? 🙄

Also, my previous videos seem to have disappeared now Youtube have joined with Google. I'm very confused, I had over 30,000 views last time I looked. 😡 Oh welllll.

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Re: White Heat- Love It Or Hate It ? (#p142758)

by **Zoey** » Mon Jan 06, 2014 6:54 pm

Done. 😊

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Re: White Heat- Love It Or Hate It ? (#p142764)

by **darren2722** » Mon Jan 06, 2014 8:53 pm

That's Awesome Zoey. 🙌🙌 That's sure gonna please a lot of people. 🥳 People get it while it's hot. 😊

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Re: White Heat- Love It Or Hate It ? (#p142766)

by **Frans** » Mon Jan 06, 2014 9:05 pm

OooooWee girl! Thank you very much!

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Re: White Heat- Love It Or Hate It ? (#p142767)by **Zoey** » Mon Jan 06, 2014 10:27 pm

You're very welcome, it literally only took 5mins. 😊 I just hope they don't ask me to take it down anytime soon. 😊

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Re: White Heat- Love It Or Hate It ? (#p142796)by **donellac** » Tue Jan 07, 2014 9:16 am

❤️ ❤️ I love it 😊 ❤️ ❤️

I just wish she had produced something like this 10 years earlier! 😊 😊

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Re: White Heat- Love It Or Hate It ? (#p142825)by **neonouille** » Tue Jan 07, 2014 2:48 pm

Thank you Zoey! 😊 If they ask you to remove your video, we can listen the album on this web site:

[http://grooveshark.com/#!/search?q=dust ... white+heat](http://grooveshark.com/#!/search?q=dust...white+heat) (<http://grooveshark.com/#!/search?q=dusty+springfield+white+heat>)

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Re: White Heat- Love It Or Hate It ? (#p142852)by **dibley** » Tue Jan 07, 2014 6:30 pm*mnmcv1 wrote:*

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And I never made an attempt to track the music down because, based on the above observations, i just assumed it was all unworthy of consideration.

This is exactly why I went out of my way to find a copy and purchase it. One thing that I had a hard time with was imagining the album within the context of the early 1980's music scene. (I had the same problem when Karen Carpenter's solo album was released more than a decade after it was recorded.) It certainly does have the synthesized 1980's feel, which, being young in the eighties, suits me just fine. But I think overall, the album to me is only about a 6 out of 10. There weren't any songs that captivated me, other than "Soft Core", which has a timeless quality about it and could have been released in any decade without raising eyebrows.

Linda

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