

"What do you mean 'we were dead all along'?"



**ALBUM** THE RACONTEURS: CONSOLERS OF THE LONELY

Another week, another unorthodox big-album release. But there's no 'pay what you like' for Jack White's fine retro rockers; their gimmick is releasing this second album just two weeks after it was finished – without any promotion. "The Raconteurs would rather it wasn't defined for you before you get to hear it." That told us.

**DVD** SOUTHLAND TALES

Richard 'Donnie Darko' Kelly's idea for a three-hour sci-fi comedy about the end of the world starring 'The Rock' and Sarah Michelle Gellar (below) as a porn star was never the safest bet. But while critics panned it to such an extent that it was re-cut and then barely shown at UK cinemas, *Southland Tales* is a strangely appealing mess of a movie. A future cult classic.

Switching Colgate for superglue? Textbook



**ALBUM** GNARLS BARKLEY: THE ODD COUPLE

Soul-pop duo Cee-Lo and Danger Mouse follow up their massive-selling *St Elsewhere* debut with more classic hip-hop-infused harmonies. It's a less obvious listen, almost Tricky-like at times, but the likes of *Going On* and *Surprise* are chart-troublers in waiting.

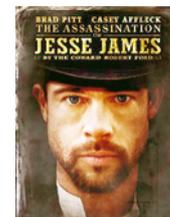


**BOOK** MOTEL GIRL BY GREG SANDERS

The stories in this New York-based writer's colourful collection capture the transience of the city and the characters that inhabit it. From drunks to demons to a vengeful motel clerk and a woman who must choose between her boyfriend and her live-in bear, *Motel Girl* is as surreal, exciting and absurd a human menagerie as the Big Apple itself. It's a strong debut from an important new writer with a glowing future.

**DVD** THE ASSASSINATION OF JESSE JAMES BY THE COWARD ROBERT FORD

Not only does saying it take almost as long as watching it, the title also gives the ending away, but don't let that deter you. Brad Pitt and Casey Affleck excel in this lushly photographed morality play that is arguably the best film of 2007 that nobody saw.



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