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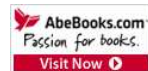
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In my opinion **Fish** is capable of the best and (pretty close to) the worst. His first album after leaving **Marillion** (1989's *Vigil In A Wilderness Of Mirrors*) was an excellent neo prog record. Four years later, you could not find two interesting tracks on a covers album (1993's *Songs From The Mirror*) that featured some great songs (I'm refering to the originals). In the late nineties, **Fish** worked with very talented people, **Steven Wilson** not being the least of them, and he then put out what are arguably his two best CDs (1997's *Sunsets On Empire* and 1999's *Raingods with Zippos*). After that Mr. Wilson and a few others left for other projects, and **Fish** gave us a couple of lukewarm Cds like *Fellini Days* (2001) and *Field Of Crows* (2003).

The main problem with **Fish** is that he does not write his own music, so he is dependant on the talents of his musicians as composers. With *13th Star* he seems to have found such people. On this CD we have a collection of 10 songs, all ranging from 4 to 6 minutes. They all are very interesting musically, very modern sounding and even sometimes pretty heavy. **Fish** is in good voice and in a rocking mood. His singing is at it's best since the last ten years. The production quality on this CD is some of the best I have ever heard. Frankly, I did not think **Fish** still had such a great album in him.

To my surprise, I consider *13th Star* to be a sure bet for my 2008 Top ten album of the year list, and **Fish** will certainly be my comeback kid of the year. If you got tired of **Fish** in recent years and stopped purchasing his albums (or considered doing it) *13th Star* will certainly make you change your mind.

13th Star gets my highest recommendation indeed.



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
















































































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