



Classic Albums by Women

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- 100+ of the best albums by women, as chosen by musicians, DJs, producers, journalists, radio hosts and music industry insiders
- Contributors include Nina Kraviz (DJ), Nick Mason (Pink Floyd), KT Tunstall (musician), Jamie XX (The XX, DJ), Black Madonna (DJ), Rankin (photographer), John Grant (musician) and Peter Hook (Joy Division, New Order, Peter Hook & The Light), on albums by Billie Holiday, Kate Bush, Madonna, Joni Mitchell, Patti Smith, PJ Harvey, Nina Simone and many more
- An overdue celebration of women's significant and compelling contributions to music

Across the genres, across the generations, across the board, this book presents over one hundred inspirational albums by women, from top-selling hits to the indie and obscure.

Classic Album Sundays - the world's most popular album listening event and content platform - initiated an #AlbumsByWomen campaign in support of International Women's Day 2018. The hashtag soon grew into a movement, devoted to women's musicality and the power of the female voice. Collaborators shared photographs and commentary on their favourite albums by female artists, gathered together here in a single volume.

Pick up any other book on the theme of 'Albums You Must Hear Before You Die', and you'll confront a heavy gender bias. This project redresses the gender imbalance: an overdue celebration of women's creativity and musicianship within a male-dominated sphere. It features over a hundred submissions from high-profile musicians including Pink Floyd's Nick Mason, Peter Hook, Nina Kraviz, Black Madonna, Gilles Peterson, Rankin, KT Tunstall, John Grant and more.

The epic drum solos and her haunting voice has converted many an unsuspecting nightclubber into a Nina fan.

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Raj Chaudhuri - NTS Radio/Livin' Proof



It Is Finished - Nina Simone

Nick Mason
Pink Floyd

I love this album just because I do... great songs and really well performed.

Ladies of the Canyon
Joni Mitchell

Elsa Hill
Meaning: The Wave/Waveholic FM

The Spice Girls were revolutionary for third wave feminism: popplanning it as Girl Power, put it back on the mainstream map, albeit commercialised, and enabled it to develop into feminism today.

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Spice Girls