

Indie Spins

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Are You Ready To Rock?

This month's *Indie Spins* finds some strong indie rock bands that may be on the verge of breaking through. From Britain to Boston, you may want to get them before everyone else is listening to them.



The Thieves

The Whiteline (EP) (2005)

Mick and Keith would be proud. Page and Plant would be jealous. Malcolm and Angus will probably want to tour with them. Out of Oxford, England come The Thieves, who re-create rock n' roll that sounds like it was born in the basement, raised in a pub, and kicked out on the street to fend for itself. With a guitar set to "extra crunchy", a juiced-up bass and a human drum machine, this music

will tear the cover off your inner ear and make you throw out any of your CDs that even smell like art. We're talking *rock*, folks. We're talking about a 4-song sample of the next big thing for old people to complain about. We're talking about the song "Tales from the Whiteline" – where after two verses, bare-flesh-dragged-over-road-gravel crunchy guitars, and a screaming Hammond organ comes the unspoken question "shall we do a third verse?" The answer: "Hell no! Let's just burn the place down!" As Bon Scott would ask – "*Are you ready to ROCK!*"

Links: [The Thieves website](#)