



## Top 50 Albums of 2007

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### **02. Miranda Lambert - Crazy Ex-Girlfriend**

Since young guys with indie tastes tend to vote for country albums only when Jenny Lewis and Gretchen Wilson are snarling them, the enthusiasm for Miranda Lambert's sophomore effort aroused suspicion. After two lead

cuts that announce Lambert's allegiance both to the outlaw mythos to which too many country stars have been enamored and the Nashville novelty number, she digs deeper: a rueful midtempo song about small town life that would scare the shit out of John Mellencamp; something called "Desperation" in which she calls herself a bitch and asks for a bone; and a "Jolene" rewrite less sympathetic and more self-coruscating than the original and thus perfectly suitable for post-teenage angst.

But "Guilty In Here"'s gotten the most attention, and deservedly. Put aside its Jagger-baiting allusion to boys under her thumb and it's still amazing—it goes beyond novelty and outlawery to articulate the limitless appetite of young women whose horniness-with-brains butts heads against the men who are unworthiest to comprehend it.

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