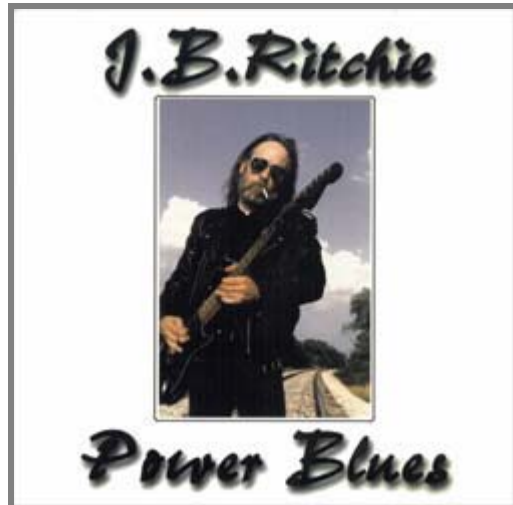


J.B. RITCHIE

Power Blues



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Blues Revue

Rock-edged blues that sound so good

AMG Expert Review

Ritchie retains that inspired Chicago blues

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Crossroads Blues Society

Tantalizing blues-rock guitar play



Single CD

Genre: Electric Chicago Blues

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Cosmik Reviews

When I first heard that Chicago area bluesman J.B. Ritchie released a CD consisting mainly of blues classics by Muddy, Elmore, Willie, and the Wolf, I was pretty damned skeptical. I'm not from Missouri, but when it comes to the blues, Particularly Chicago blues, you gotta show me. So, I sat back in my big easy chair, crossed my arms like a good skeptic, and turned Mr. Ritchie up. Way up. Ritchie and his band got my attention with "She's Nineteen Years Old," "Trouble No More," "Shake Your Money Maker," and "Little Red Rooster." He's got an awesome slide, and his trio powers through a Great set of classic blues. Drummer Marty Binder has toured with Junior Wells and Buddy Guy, and Albert Collins and the Icebreakers. Executive Producer and bassist Frank Bandy (AKA Right Hand Frank) hit the road with Jimmy Rogers and Hip Linkchain. In a nutshell, they've got great chops. Together, they revive some great old blues songs. When I turned up Ritchie's own "Nervous Breakdown" and "You Don't Gotta," it showed me that he could write as well as he could bend notes on his '57 Fender Telecaster. I could quarrel with the absent harp, a staple of many blues bands, but I won't. In JB's hands, "Messin' With the Kid" rocks. I'd also be remiss not to mention how Ritchie slides up and down and all around on "I'm Your Hoochie Coochie Man," and I hope that Power Blues helps him break out of Chicago real soon.

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Track List:

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| 1. Rocket 88 | 7. I'm Your Hoochie Coochie Man |
| 2. She's Nineteen Years Old | 8. Shake It For Me |
| 3. Howlin' for My Darlin' | 9. Nervous Breakdown |
| 4. Champagne and Reefer | 10. You Don't Gotta |
| 5. Trouble No More | 11. Little Red Rooster |
| 6. Messin' With The Kid | 12. Shake Your Money Maker |



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