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NEW RELEASES THE STRANGLERS:

The Epic Years (Epic 5045962) It must be getting close to Christmas - the boxed sets are coming thick and fast. Cream of the crop this week is this excellent Stranglers set, which anthologises their work for Epic and neatly complements EMI's recent reissue of their earlier work. By the time they landed at Epic, the Stranglers had lost a little of their punk edginess and were developing into an altogether more rounded band, though still with hard rocking potential. Loosely tied to the 25th anniversary of punk, this set brings together all five of their Epic CDs and adds a further 29 unreleased tracks. It should enjoy robust sales,

ith an upcoming Channel 4 punk evening likely to give it a neat boost.



Parlophone: The CD Singles '91-'95 (HMV/Parlophone 8797452) An earlier

mpitation boxing the first 10 Morrissey singles was a big seller for EMI, and this follow-up should also do good business. Morrissey's yrical flights of fancy are more bizarre than ever on B-sides such as I've Changed My Plea To Guilty, Alsatian Cousin and Pashernate Love. Many of the tracks have been unavailable since the original singles were deleted, so expect this to be a steady seller.



DR FEELGOOD Singles Out – US/ Liberty A's, B's & Raritles (EMI 5342422) Carwey

succession of energetic Rhythm & Blues singles - in the English sense of R&B - and have attained a cult status out of all proportion to their success, which included only one major single, Milk & Alcohol. This excellent 49-track mid-priced triple CD gathers their singles and supplements them with a selection of studio tracks and radio sessions.



JEFFERSON AIRPLANE:
Ignition (RCA
07863680322) One of
the first psychedelic rock
bands to enjoy success,
Jefferson Airplane
recorded four albums
between 1966 and

1968. Takes Off and Surrealistic Pillow are both upgraded in bestever sound quality and appear in full in both mono and stereo mixes, while After Bathing At Baxters and Crown Of Creation (which were only mixed for stereo) appear in 1996 and 1998 upgrades. Musically, they never got better than Surrealistic Pillow. which sounds breathtaking in its

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