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## JESSE MALIN

### *Glitter in the Gutter* • Adeline

On **Jesse Malin's** third solo effort, his transformation from glam-punk heathen to sullen, alt-country troubadour comes full circle, as *Glitter in the Gutter* is a dust-fuelled, rock and twang treat that departs significantly from the work of his old clan,

D Generation. Ryan Adams and Neil Young influences are everywhere, especially on "Lucinda," a soft-spoken ballad eulogizing a lost love, "Love Streams," a pop ode to wasting away that exemplified Malin as a troubled, introspective soul and the gorgeous piano-queelled "Bastards of Young." The most triumphant moment, however, is "Broken Radio," where Malin coaxes **Bruce Springsteen** to join the drinking party. The moment they share the melody in the second chorus is worth the price of the record on its own. ★  
*Shain Shapiro*