

## Jesse Malin ★★★



### Glitter in the Gutter

Adeline

Uneven but winsome third disc from former D Generation singer

FOR A GUY WHO'S STILL RELATIVELY under-the-radar, Jesse Malin has some big-name cohorts: Bruce Springsteen, Jakob Dylan and Ryan Adams, all of whom appear on Malin's third solo album. But those celeb cameos don't steal the spotlight from *Glitter in the Gutter's* brawny attack: ragged guitars meeting dabs of roots rock and big choruses, with

Malin (mostly) trading his usual tales of down-and-out lowlifes for defiant, anthemic rockers. Forgettable songs are a problem: Cuts such as "Love Streams" are well hewn but not terribly interesting, and there's a lot of generic hard rock. But *Glitter's* best stuff is very good: There are memorable, megatuneful adrenaline shots like "Prisoners of Paradise," and two slow ones – the Springsteen-assisted "Broken Radio" and the rather gorgeous "Aftermath" – stand tall. Tracks like that are what iPod playlists are made for. **CHRISTIAN HOARD**

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### KEY TRACKS

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"Prisoners of Paradise"

A banging adrenaline shot that's one of the best Replacements rips of this decade.

Malin gets help from Adams, Springsteen.

