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## CD REVIEWS

### SEVENDUST

Chapter VII: Hope and Sorrow

7Bros. Records/Warner Music Group

Rating: ●●●● by Anna Ryan



Ferocious, delicate, complex, and ever so slightly schizophrenic, Sevendust is back with their best album in years. Pounding drums and raging guitars combine with Lajon Witherspoon's melodic vocals and Morgan Rose's snare to define the CD, as the band's classic sound punches you in the face with opening track "Inside." It's impossible for the listener to not immediately settle into a groove right along with Sevendust. Guest appearances are made by Mark Tremonti, who offers a shredding guitar solo on "Hope" and Myles Kennedy, whose vocals blend seamlessly with Witherspoon on "Sorrow"—the tracks the CD was named for. "Prodigal Son" will remind you of Kings X. This one's a "must have."