


**Sevendust**  
**COLD DAY MEMORY**  
(7BROS.)  
★★★★



When Sevendust founding guitarist Clint Lowery returned to the group last year after a nearly seven-year absence, his bandmates gave him free reign over songwriting. The result, *Cold Day Memory*, proves just how essential his terse riffs, nagging hooks, and vocal harmonies are to Sevendust's classic catchy sound. The band's eighth album is a fist-tight hybrid of groove metal and tuneful post-grunge that proves radio-friendly rock needn't be watered down. "Splinter" is Sevendust at their heaviest, a chugging track that builds and dips in intensity, and "Unraveling" is a heartrending ballad bolstered by serpentine licks. With *Cold Day Memory*, Sevendust are truly memorable once again. **JON WIEDERHORN**

