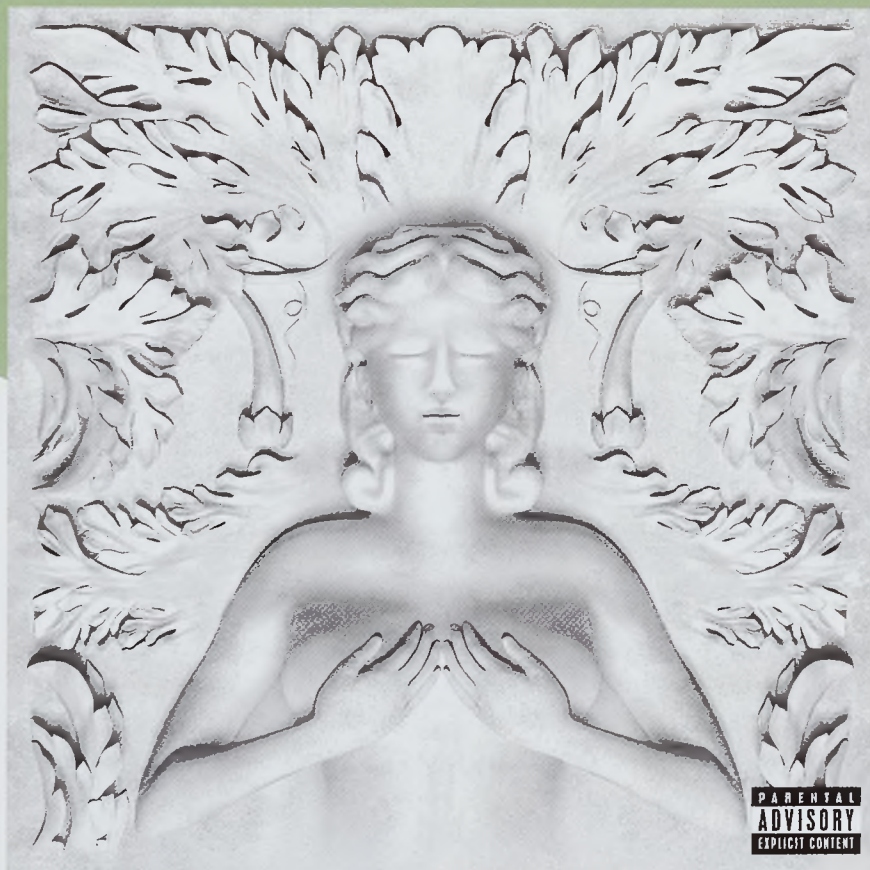


# ALBUM reviews

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## "Cruel Summer" by GOOD Music

HIP-HOP/R&B



**Release Date:** Sept. 18

**If you like:** Kanye West, Rihanna

**Notable songs:** New God Flow, Clique

Popular rap artists such as Kanye West, Common, 2 Chainz, Pusha T and Big Sean have come together for a collaborative studio album from the GOOD Music record label. Rappers on the label make prominent appearances on the album, alongside other guest appearances from the likes of Jay-Z, R. Kelly and others. West is the head of GOOD Music and makes his presence known on this album through uniformly strong production and memorable verses.

## "The Carpenter" by The Avett Brothers

FOLK ROCK



**Release Date:** Sept. 11

**If you like:** Mumford and Sons, The Lumineers

**Notable songs:** Down with the Shine, The Once and Future Carpenter

The brothers and company have returned with their seventh full-length album, and second album with notable producer Rick Rubin. The album is filled with songs that exude a sense of poignancy and self-reflection. With the seriousness that several of the songs bring to the album overall, there is a fair share of rambunctious folk that will be sure to get you going.



## "Centipede Hz" by Animal Collective

EXPERIMENTAL/PSCHEDELIC



**Release Date:** Sept. 4

**If you like:** Grizzly Bear, Fleet Foxes

**Notable songs:** Wide Eyed, Amantia

Following its widely-acclaimed 2009 release, Merriweather Post Pavilion, the four-piece experimental Animal Collective is back with an album filled with a notably significant jolt of energy and several unique sounds swirled throughout. The beauty of the album is recognizing the delight and catchiness of the songs amidst the chaotic and dense sounds that fill them.

