

Entertainment

Caillat comes back with second album

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Many songwriters write about the common topic of love, where they express their mediocre relationships and epic failures, in a 12 to 17 song album. Fortunately, Colbie Caillat's album, "Breakthrough" is much more than a group of average love songs with the author pleading for forgiveness. Each song on this album relates to everyone in some way, and Caillat's voice truly sticks in your head with a message.

Caillat was 19 when she took her first guitar lesson, and that was also when she wrote her first song. From there, one of Caillat's friends posted a song on Myspace. Now she is 22, and has released two albums: "Coco" and "Breakthrough" assisted by Jason Reeves who helped

her craft each song. She plays mainly acoustic and pop music combined with classical folk and jazz.

Her first album, "Coco" was released in 2007. It included "Bubbly," a number one song on iTunes "Top Songs," and the hit singles, "Realize" and "The Little Things." She released "Falling For You" in the Summer of 2009, and it quickly became number one on iTunes, leading to her current album, "Breakthrough" which she made available to the public in late August. "Breakthrough" includes: "I Won't," "Begin Again," "You Got Me," "Fallin' For You," "Droplets (Featuring Jason Reeves)," "I Never Told You," "Fearless," "Runnin' around," "Break Through," "It Stops Today" and "Breakin' At The Cracks."

In my opinion, the first song on an album should be a good opening song that grabs your attention, but doesn't make the other tracks seem dull. "I Won't" had interesting things to say. It began with intriguing acoustics that held my attention. "You Got Me" was dull because the chorus was short and it just didn't grab me.

"Droplets (featuring Jason Reeves)" opened with strong guitar picking, and begins very mellow, but then climbs up to a chorus that stayed with me the whole day.

"Breakthrough" is much better than "Coco" because all the songs are alike in that they have an upbeat tune, but each song has an interesting message. "Breakthrough" is an album that will leave you dancing through for the rest of the day.

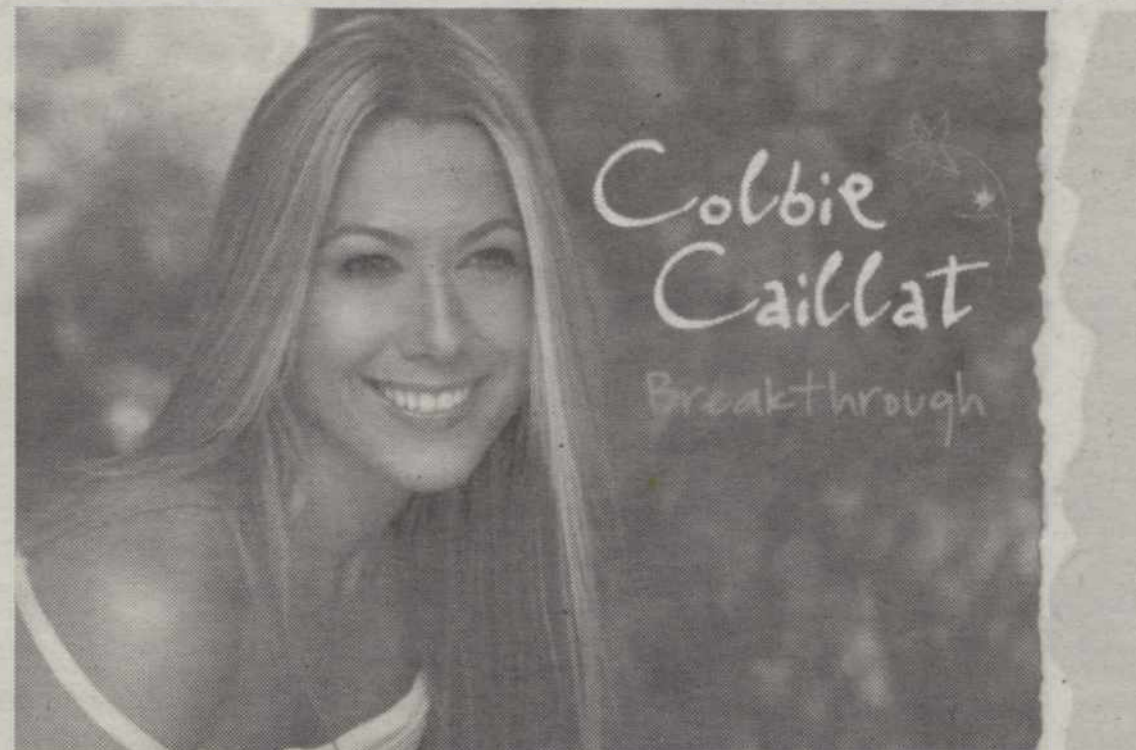


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Colbie Caillat released her second album, "Breakthrough" in August of 2009. The songs include the hit single, "Fallin' For You." Her first album, "Coco," came out in 2007.

Caroline Cooney offers an on-the-edge realistic thriller

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Have you ever taken a moment to look at the face of a missing child, whether it was on the news or in the paper? Even though "The Face On the Milk Carton" was written in 1990, it's a worthwhile read. I was on the edge of my seat when I read this book. I was trying to guess the ending of a book, but in this story I had to guess what was going to happen in the next chapter. If you like trying to solve the mystery. This book is definitely one you should pick up.

"The Face on the Milk Carton," by Caroline B. Cooney tells the story of Janie Johnson and how her world changed when she looked at a milk carton and saw her face. Her friends shrug her worry off because they don't believe that she is the little girl on the milk carton. The only person who takes her seriously is her neighbor, Reeve Shields. Janie struggles to understand that her parents could have kidnapped her when she was a little girl, as unimaginable as it seems. When she's alone, she digs around for clues about her past. When she heads up to the attic, there is more evidence to prove that the face on the milk carton is really her.

It is impossible for a normal child to relate to Janie Johnson; the majority of children are not kidnapped. However, aside from kidnapping it is easy to relate to Janie. She tries to balance her social life with Reeve because she is crushing on him and doesn't know how to handle this with because they are just friends. Teenagers tend to try to stay on good terms with their parents and that is what Janie does, even though she suspects them of kidnapping her.

Caroline B. Cooney is a brilliant writer and left me wanting to finish the book in one sitting. Until the final chapter of "The Face On the Milk Carton," I could not set



Photo by Alex Houston
Caroline B. Cooney offers a thrilling read with her novel "The Face on the Milk Carton." Cooney has written many other suspense novels aimed at the teen audience.

this book down. One of the best parts of the book is when Janie confronts her parents. The story they spin seems so unrealistic it makes you question if they are telling the truth. The confrontation does not solve her problems so she has to keep investigating into her past while dealing with flash backs from the day of her kidnapping and her real family.

As talented as Cooney is, the way she left readers hanging at the end was unsatisfying. When you are expecting the story to finally conclude be ready to start another book to learn what happens to Janie. Instead of just ending the story in one book, it becomes a series of four books.

I would recommend this book in a heartbeat because the plot is strong and easy to follow. Cooney will not put you to sleep as you read. I had high expectations when I first picked up this book and those expectations were met and even exceeded. If you don't mind reading multiple books to finish the story, you should definitely pick up this book.

UU Yogurt offers a tasty treat

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On a rainy winter night most people don't think of going out for frozen yogurt. However at UU Yogurt, you will feel right at home beginning with the first samples and extending to the last scoops at the bottom of the bowl.

I had never eaten frozen yogurt before and was interested to see how it would taste. UU Yogurt features a wide range of flavors to cater to most tastes. They ranged from the classics of chocolate and vanilla to blueberry and orange. There were even special flavors for the holidays such as eggnog and peppermint.

Everything at UU Yogurt is self-serve. Machines dispense the yogurt and a buffet holds the toppings. To determine which flavor I wanted, I sampled orange, tart and chocolate. I selected chocolate. There were stacks of two different sized bowls to hold the yogurt. One average sized one and one that looked too big for one person. I filled the smaller one with chocolate and moved onto the toppings.

Many different toppings were spread across a buffet. It seemed like every possible option someone could think of to put on yogurt was there. Different chocolates, fruits, and candies were arranged in no obvious order. Having a craving for chocolate, I opted for the Reese's Peanut Butter Cups, Kit Kats, and chocolate sprinkles. Next to these were sauces. There were many of these to



Photo by Julia VanWinkle

UU Yogurt, a frozen yogurt shop, opened in Lake Oswego. They have a large selection of seasonal flavors, toppings and sauces available for customers to create their own unique dessert.

choose from as well, such as fudge and caramel. Upon finishing my creation, the yogurt was weighed and paid for.

I was curious to see what the frozen yogurt tasted like. I'm not a fan of normal yogurt, but the two are different. After taking a bite, I immediately knew my opinion of it; the frozen yogurt was delicious. I ate every bite of what I had taken.

UU Yogurt isn't cheap, but the pricing is fairly average. The final cost for my yogurt came to \$4.15. Instead of charging by the topping, the price is determined by the weight of the yogurt. The fee is 45 cents an ounce. Charging by the ounce allows you to be able to select many toppings and choose how much you want of each.

As soon as I walked in the door, it was obvious the staff was friendly and helpful. They passed out sample cups to help determine the desired

flavor. They greeted with a "Hello" and ended with "Have a nice evening". Simple gestures like this made the experience more enjoyable.

However, not everything was perfect. On the UU Yogurt website they advertise that they serve sorbet. In the store there wasn't any and when asked the staff said that they had run out. Toppings weren't labeled. This caused me to wonder what some of the less obvious ones even were. The inside of the shop was basic and plain, but there was a couch in one corner, which was a nice touch. These setbacks were minor and shouldn't keep someone from enjoying the yogurt.

UU Yogurt would be an ideal place to take family or hang out with friends. It's tasty yogurt is topped with lots of options and a friendly staff. I would return to UU Yogurt with others to share my newfound great treat.