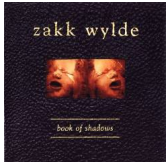


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1. *Between Heaven And Hell* 2. *Sold My Soul* 3. *Road Back Home* 4. *Way Beyond Empty*
5. *Throwin' It All Away* 6. *What You're Look'n For* 7. *Dead As Yesterday* 8. *Too Numb To Cry*
9. *The Things You Do* 10. *1,000,000 Miles Away* 11. *I Thank You Child* Zakk Wylde - Bass, Guitars, Harmonica, Keyboards, Piano, Vocals, Vocals (Background) James LoMenzo - Bass, Guitar (Bass) John Sambataro - Vocals (Background) Joe Vitale - Drums, Drums (Snare), Keyboards, Piano Mike Lewis - Conductor, String Arrangements

After spending several years with Ozzy Osbourne and recording one album with the heavy Southern rock trio Pride & Glory, guitarist Zakk Wylde released his debut solo album, *Book of Shadows*, in June of 1996. Naturally, the album is a guitar showcase, with each song boasting a dazzling guitar solo or two. That much was expected. What is a surprise is the musical diversity apparent throughout the album. Wylde does kick out some heavy riff-driven rockers, but he also detours into blues, country, and folk on occasion. That diversity ensures that *Book of Shadows* is more listenable for the average listener than most guitarist-led albums. However, Wylde's songwriting skills remain weak; although the playing is memorable, the melodies rarely are. Nevertheless, there's enough prime instrumental work here to make it a very worthwhile listen for guitar aficionados and a few of the tracks should satiate fans of straight-ahead heavy boogie rock. [Book of Shadows was reissued in 1999 with a bonus disc, containing the non-LP cuts "Evil Ways," "The Color Green," and "Peddlers of Death."] --- Stephen Thomas Erlewine, allmusic.com

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