

It is no secret that *Billy Talent* remains the heaviest album, both musically and lyrically, in the band's catalogue, with popular singles like "Try Honesty," "River Below" and "Nothing to Lose" receiving heavy rotation on rock radio as well as on television stations like Much Music. Touching on topics like prostitution, domestic disputes, relationship issues, and teen suicide, *Billy Talent* managed to not only help prompt a re-birth of Canadian punk rock, but made sure that it came with a message. Evidently so, this is a tactic that the band would apply to their future albums, delving further into topics like abuse in the church, politics and the importance of youth taking action.

Although Billy Talent would tone down their angst ridden, scremo-punk style for a heavier pop-rock rock approach in the years to come, they haven't lost the snarl that made them so recognizable and their self-titled debut remains one of the best Canadian new-age punk records of all time.