

Top 100 Albums of '88

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| 1 | INXS
- Kick (WEA) | | |
| 2 | GEORGE MICHAEL
- Faith (CBS) | | |
| 3 | DIRTY DANCING
- Soundtrack (BMG) | | |
| 4 | RICK ASTLEY
- Whenever (BMG) | | |
| 5 | MIDNIGHT OIL
- Diesel & Dust (CBS) | | |
| 6 | TRACY CHAPMAN
- Self-titled (WEA) | | |
| 7 | DEF LEPPARD
- Hysteria (PolyGram) | | |
| 8 | ROD STEWART
- Out Of Order (WEA) | | |
| 9 | GUNS 'N' ROSES
- Appetite Destruction (WEA) | | |
| 10 | TIFFANY
- Self-titled (MCA) | | |
| 11 | STEVE WINWOOD
- Roll With It (A&M) | | |
| 12 | COCKTAIL
- Soundtrack (WEA) | | |
| 13 | JOHN MELLENCAMP
- Lonesome Jubilee (PolyGram) | | |
| 14 | TERENCE TRENT D'ARBY
- Introducing Hardline (CBS) | | |
| 15 | MICHAEL JACKSON
- Bad (CBS) | | |
| 16 | U2
- Rattle And Hum (MCA) | | |
| 17 | BON JOVI
- New Jersey (PolyGram) | | |
| 18 | MORE DIRTY DANCING
- Soundtrack (BMG) | | |
| 19 | ROBERT PLANT
- Now And Zen (WEA) | | |
| 20 | VAN HALEN
- OU812 (WEA) | | |
| 21 | ROBERT PALMER
- Heavy Nova (Capitol) | | |
| 22 | ELTON JOHN
- Reg Strikes Back (MCA) | | |
| 23 | AEROSMITH
- Permanent Vacation (WEA) | | |
| 24 | GLASS TIGER
- Diamond Sun (Capitol) |  | |
| 25 | BRUCE HORNSBY
- Scenes From Southside (BMG) | | |
| 26 | STING
- Nothing Like The Sun (A&M) | | |
| 27 | GEORGE HARRISON
- Cloud Nine (WEA) | | |
| 28 | COLIN JAMES
- Self-titled (A&M) |  | |
| 29 | GOOD MORNING VIETNAM
- Soundtrack (A&M) | | |
| 30 | TOM COCHRANE & RED RIDER
- Victory Day (Capitol) |  | |
| 31 | AC/DC
- Blow Up Your Video (WEA) | | |
| 32 | BILLY OCEAN
- Tear Down Those Walls (BMG) | | |
| 33 | CHEAP TRICK
- Lap Of Luxury (CBS) | | |
| 34 | ROBBIE ROBERTSON
- Self-titled (WEA) |  | |
| 35 | CROWDED HOUSE
- Temple Of Low Men (Capitol) | | |
| 36 | HONEYMOON SUITE
- Racing After Midnight (WEA) |  | |
| 37 | MELISSA ETHERIDGE
- Self-titled (MCA) | | |
| 38 | BELINDA CARLISE
- Heaven On Earth (MCA) | | |
| 39 | DAVID LEE ROTH
- Skyscraper (WEA) | | |
| 40 | TRAVELING WILBURYS
- Volume One (WEA) | | |
| 41 | BILLY IDOL
- Vital Idol (MCA) | | |
| 42 | EURHYTHMICS
- Savage (BMG) | | |
| 43 | HUEY LEWIS & THE NEWS
- Small World (MCA) | | |
| 44 | WHITESNAKE
- Self-titled (WEA) | | |
| 45 | BOBBY McFERRIN
- Simple Pleasures (Capitol) | | |
| 46 | SADE
- Stronger Than Pride (CBS) | | |
| 47 | U2
- The Joshua Tree (MCA) | | |
| 48 | PRINCE
- Lovesexy (WEA) | | |
| 49 | TALKING HEADS
- Naked (WEA) | | |
| 50 | MEN WITHOUT HATS
- Pop Goes World (PolyGram) |  | |
| 51 | ELTON JOHN
- Live In Australia (MCA) | | |
| 52 | COREY HART
- Young Man Running (Capitol) |  | |
| 53 | PAT BENATAR
- Wide Awake Dreamland (MCA) | | |
| 54 | OMD
- The Best Of OMD (A&M) | | |
| 55 | JEFF HEALEY BAND
- See The Light (BMG) |  | |
| 56 | POISON
- Open Up Say Ahh! (Capitol) | | |
| 57 | ZIGGY MARLEY
- Conscious Party (A&M) | | |
| 58 | IRON MAIDEN
- Seventh Son (Capitol) | | |
| 59 | DEBBIE GIBSON
- Out Of The Blue (WEA) | | |
| 60 | K.D. LANG
- Shadowland (WEA) | | |
| 61 | SINEAD O'CONNOR
- Lion And Cobra (MCA) | | |
| 62 | BLUE RODEO
- Outskirts (WEA) |  | |
| 63 | RITA MACNEIL
- Reason To Believe (A&M) |  | |
| 64 | GEORGE THOROGOOD
- Born To Be Bad (Capitol) | | |
| 65 | PINK FLOYD
- Sound Of Thunder (CBS) | | |
| 66 | BRUCE SPRINGSTEEN
- Tunnel Of Love (CBS) | | |
| 67 | ANITA BAKER
- Giving You The Best (WEA) | | |
| 68 | RANDY TRAVIS
- Always And Forever (WEA) | | |
| 69 | DARYL HALL & JOHN OATES
- Ooh Yeah!! (BMG) | | |
| 70 | CINDERELLA
- Long Cold Winter (PolyGram) | | |
| 71 | CROSBY/STILLS/NASH/YOUNG
- American Dream (WEA) |  | |
| 72 | PET SHOP BOYS
- Actually (Capitol) | | |
| 73 | CALIFORNIA RAISINS
- Self-titled (A&M) | | |
| 74 | RANDY TRAVIS
- Old 8x10 (WEA) | | |
| 75 | BARNEY BENTALL
- Self-titled (CBS) |  | |
| 76 | WHITNEY HOUSTON
- Whitney (BMG) | | |
| 77 | THE POGUES
- If I Should Fall (MCA) | | |
| 78 | BUSTER
- Soundtrack (WEA) | | |
| 79 | STEVE EARLE
- Copperhead Road (MCA) | | |
| 80 | PET SHOP BOYS
- Introspective (Capitol) | | |
| 81 | MADONNA
- You Can Dance (WEA) | | |
| 82 | RICHARD MARX
- Self-titled (Capitol) | | |
| 83 | FOREIGNER
- Inside Information (WEA) | | |
| 84 | DJ JAZZY JEFF/FRSH PRINCE
- He's The DJ (BMG) | | |
| 85 | FLEETWOOD MAC
- Tango In The Night (WEA) | | |
| 86 | BRUCE SPRINGSTEEN
- Chimes Of Freedom (CBS) | | |
| 87 | KEITH RICHARDS
- Talk Is Cheap (A&M) | | |
| 88 | HOTHOUSE FLOWERS
- People (PolyGram) | | |
| 89 | JONI MITCHELL
- Chalk Mark (WEA) |  | |
| 90 | KINGDOM COME
- Self-titled (PolyGram) | | |
| 91 | METALLICA
- And Justice For All (WEA) | | |
| 92 | PINK FLOYD
- Momentary Lapse (CBS) | | |
| 93 | SCORPIONS
- Amusement (PolyGram) | | |
| 94 | JOHN HIATT
- Slow Turning (A&M) | | |
| 95 | NEW ORDER
- Substance (PolyGram) | | |
| 96 | JOHN LENNON
- Imagine/Soundtrack (Capitol) | | |
| 97 | NEIL YOUNG & BLUENOTES
- This Note's For You (WEA) |  | |
| 98 | DOKKEN
- Back For The Attack (WEA) | | |
| 99 | DAVID WILCOX
- Breakfast At Circus (Capitol) |  | |
| 100 | JOHNNY CLEGG & SAVUKA
- Shadow Man (Capitol) | | |