

## Reviews for Temujin's 1000 Tears

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### Quality Gothic Metal - 98%

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Temujin seems to be the birth name of Genghis Khan, the notorious Mongol leader who crushed and conquered great parts of Asia and Eastern Europe. It is however also a new Gothic Metal band from Australia, delivering their debut release 1000 Tears. The band was founded by Karl Lean, a veteran of the Australian metal scene, who started writing material on his own at first. But was later joined by vocalist Kelly, who completed the Temujin line-up.

The songwriting for this album started as soon as 2004. And I must say: the great amount of time the band has taken to craft their songs really shines through, this does not sound like a debut release at all.

On the instrumental side, Temujin delivers some crunchy gothic metal, thanks to Karl who not only plays the guitar but is also responsible for the drums and bass. He is helped out sometimes by guest guitarists Buddy Snape and Sham Hughes. The songs are mainly driven by the guitar riffs, there is a small role for the keyboards, but they are mainly used as song intros and during the slower parts of the songs.

Kelly delivers some stunning vocals, reminding me somewhat of Anneke van Giersbergen of The Gathering at times, not only in tone, but also in style of singing. A pleasant surprise for me, because she is one of my favorite singers.

There are really no weaknesses to be found. This is a great release which should satisfy every gothic metal fan.

Recommended!

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