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01. *A World Of Hurt* [feat. Jeff Healey] (4:31)
02. *Along For The Ride* [feat. Billy Preston] (4:50)
03. *Put It Right Back* [feat. Billy F. Gibbons] (4:31)
04. *That's Why I Love You So* [feat. Johnny Lang] (4:15) [play](#)
05. *Yo Yo Man* [feat. Peter Green] (2:59) [play](#)
06. *If I Don't Get Home* [feat. Gary Moore] (5:21)
07. *Testify* [feat. Shannon Curfman] (4:27)
08. *Early In The Morning* [feat. Chris Rea] (4:06)
09. *Something About My Baby* [feat. Andy Fairweather] (4:18)
10. *So Many Roads* [feat. Otis Rush] (6:11)
11. *World War Blues* [feat. Billy Preston] (4:27)
12. *California* [feat. Red Holloway] (5:56)
13. *She Don't Play By The Rules* [feat. Mick Taylor] (5:13)

John Mayall - Clavinet, Guitar, Harmonica, Keyboards, Organ (Hammond), Piano, Slide Guitar, Vocals, Wurlitzer Jack Bruce - Bass Tom Canning - Organ (Hammond), Wurlitzer Lenny Castro - Percussion Bob Delgado - Guitar (Bass), Joe Delgado - Guitar Shannon Curfman - Guitar, Vocals Hughie Flint - Drums David Z. - Guitar (Rhythm) Dick Heckstall-Smith - Sax (Alto) Steve Cropper - Guitar (Rhythm) Mick Fleetwood - Drums Jeff Kribbit - Guitar Jonny Lang - Guitar Andy Fairweather Low - Guitar (Acoustic), Vocals John McVie - Guitar (Bass) Wendy Moten - Vocals Billy Preston - Clavinet, Melodica, Vocals, Wurlitzer Chris Rea - Vocals Greg Rzab - Guitar (Bass) Crystal Taliefero - Vocals Mick Taylor - Guitar Buddy Whittington - Guitar (Acoustic), Guitar (Rhythm) Reese Wynans - Organ (Hammond) Joe Yuele - Drums

British bluesman John Mayall is primarily known as the guy whose band massive guitarists like Eric Clapton and Peter Green got their start in. Mayall's always been a better bandleader than musician; it's not that he's bad at the latter, but rather that he's so good at the former. So it is perhaps appropriate that *Along for the Ride* is essentially a showcase of other artists, many of them young up-and-comers, including Shannon Curfman and Jonny Lang.

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As you have no doubt guessed, there is some serious guitar playing here, but what's most special about this CD is that these gifted ax men really get a chance to shine. Lang's lead guitar on "That's Why I Love You So," for instance, sure doesn't sound much like Mick Taylor's on "She Don't Play by the Rules," and neither of those resembles Gary Moore's work on "If I Don't Get Home" or Buddy Whittington's lead on "So Many Roads." Along for the Ride's cast also includes a few Mayall emeriti, such as Green, Mick Fleetwood, and John McVie, as well as Jeff Healey, Steve Miller, Otis Rush, and plenty of others. Lots of musicians do the all-star-album thing, but you know Mayall's going to integrate his guest stars smoothly, and that's exactly what he does. --Genevieve Williams, allmusic.com

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