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01_Goin' Down South

02_Boogie Chillen

03_Poor Boy

04_2 Brothers

05_Snake Drive

06_Shake 'em On Down

07_The Criminal Inside

08_Walkin' Blues

09_Tojo Told Hitler

10_Have You Ever Been

Musicians: R.L. Burnside – guitar, vocals Kenny Brown – guitar Judah Bauer - casio, guitar, harmonica, mixing, sequencing, vocals Russell Simins – drums Jon Spencer - drums, guitar, theremin, vocals

Although he had been playing for years, it wasn't until the 1990s that R.L. Burnside's raw electrified Delta blues were heard by a wide audience. His new fans celebrated his wild, unbridled energy, so it made sense for him to team with the Jon Spencer Blues Explosion, the warped indie rock band that's all about energy. However, the very purists who celebrate Burnside hate Spencer, believing that the latter mocks the blues. As the blistering Ass Pocket of Whiskey proves, Spencer may not treat the blues with reverence, but he and his band capture the wild essence of juke-joint blues. And that makes them the perfect match for Burnside, who knows his history but isn't burdened by it. Together, Burnside and the Blues Explosion make raw, scintillating, unvarnished blues that positively burns. --- Thom Owens, Rovi

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