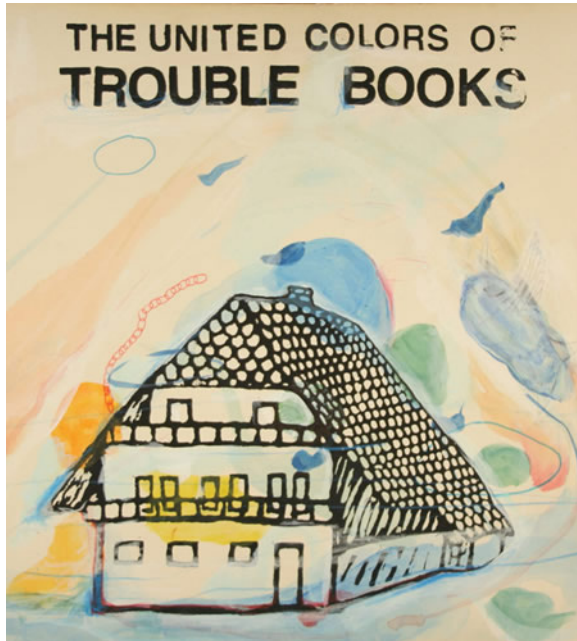


# TROUBLE BOOKS

THE UNITED COLORS OF TROUBLE BOOKS



Sometimes good hands can make up for poor tools... Is there a better worded quote saying something like that?

Akron, Ohio's **Trouble Books** had been using an old cassette 8-track and cheap microphones to record several self-released CDs and tapes before sitting down to make their latest album, *The United Colors of Trouble Books*. In the cold, short days of early winter roommates Keith Freund, Linda Lejsovka, Mike Tolan, and their "shitty orchestra" of neighbors and friends filled the seven tracks available (one track had broken) and used a laptop for additional ideas and overdubs.

The ambient experimental pop music in *The United Colors of Trouble Books* drifts along on guitar swells and lopsided loops, with strings and horns wandering past in the tape hiss, only to be pushed out at times by a thick blanket of distortion. **Trouble Books'** sound has often been described as "dreamlike" and compared to a fuzzy space somewhere between awake and asleep.

The images in Keith Freund's lyrics are just as vivid and unique as the soundscapes they rest in. From a dog in the Soviet space program, to a small-town hardcore punk band, to an Akron street sweeper driver, each short portrait is written with great care and detail.

There's a lot of sounds and melodies to find in *The United Colors of Trouble Books*, and a lot to like as well.

RIYL: The Microphones, Yo La Tengo, My Bloody Valentine.

**ARTIST**  
TROUBLE BOOKS

**TITLE**  
THE UNITED COLORS OF TROUBLE BOOKS

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OWNREC#43

**MDM CAT NR**  
MDM 45332

**MDM PRICE CODE**  
PC 0861

**FORMAT**  
CD 4-PANEL GREEN WALLET

**TIME**  
30'33"

**RELEASE DATE**  
APR 08, 2009

**TRACK LISTING**

- 01** BEAUTIFUL THOUGHTS FROM SPANISH AND GERMAN SOLDIERS
- 02** STRELKA
- 03** NIGHT OF THE PELICAN STREET SWEEPER
- 04** SHAKY SCIENCE
- 05** TRANSIENT COLOR GLORIES
- 06** ON AND ON SUBMERGED ARK
- 07** FOR ALL OUR DEAD FRIENDS
- 08** CFHC
- 09** ABANDONED GREENHOUSE
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