



Drive-By Truckers

A Blessing and a Curse

78%

New West

Shedding their pain-induced guitar licks and lyrics like a cottonmouth changes its skin, the Drive-By Truckers pick themselves up off the barroom floor with *A Blessing and a Curse*. And that's not a good thing. With rock that's more honky than grit, these proud Southerners must've left their inspiration behind when they climbed onto the wagon. Only "Little Bonnie" rekindles Patterson

Hood's infamous gothic storytelling. Here's hoping they find their way back to the bottle and comfy desert-ditch real soon. DAN FRAZIER