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### Background information

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| <b>Origin</b>         | <a href="#">Ruston, Louisiana</a> , U.S.                                                                                        |
| <b>Genres</b>         | <a href="#">Indie rock</a> · <a href="#">psychedelic folk</a> · <a href="#">lo-fi</a>                                           |
| <b>Years active</b>   | 1989-1998, 2013-2015                                                                                                            |
| <b>Labels</b>         | <a href="#">Merge</a> · <a href="#">Cher Doll</a> · <a href="#">Domino</a> · <a href="#">Fire</a>                               |
| <b>Past member(s)</b> | <a href="#">Jeff Mangum</a><br><a href="#">Scott Spillane</a><br><a href="#">Jeremy Barnes</a><br><a href="#">Julian Koster</a> |
| <b>Website</b>        | <a href="http://walkingwallofwords.com">walkingwallofwords.com</a>                                                              |

**Neutral Milk Hotel** is an [American indie rock band](#). They started in [Ruston, Louisiana](#) in 1989. They were formed by singer, songwriter, and guitarist [Jeff Mangum](#). He was the only member at first. *[On Avery Island](#)*. It was released on Merge Records. After *On Avery Island* was released, Julian Koster, Scott Spillane and Jeremy Barnes joined the band. They then released an album called *[In the Aeroplane Over the Sea](#)* in 1998. Pitchfork scored their second album 10/10 when it was released again in 2005.<sup>[1]</sup> In 2009, [Amazon.com](#)'s editors put *In the Aeroplane Over the Sea* at number two on their list of "The 100 Greatest Indie Rock Albums of All Time".<sup>[2]</sup> On December 11, 2011, the band released their first release since 1998. It was an [EP](#) called *Ferris Wheel on Fire*. Other bands often say that Neutral Milk Hotel inspired their music, including [Arcade Fire](#), [The Decemberists](#), And [AJJ](#).<sup>[3]</sup>

## Albums

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### Demos

- *Invent Yourself a Shortcake* (1991)
- *Beauty* (1992)
- *Hype City Soundtrack* (1993)
- *Shannon's Monroe House Demos* (1994)
- *Unreleased Demo #1* (1993–1995)
- *Unreleased Demo #2* (1994)

### Studio albums

- *[On Avery Island](#)* (1996)

- [In the Aeroplane Over the Sea](#) (1998)

## EPs

- [Everything Is](#) (EP) (2001)
- [Ferris Wheel on Fire](#) (2011)

## Singles

- [Everything Is](#) (single) (1994)
- *Little Birds* (2011)
- *You've Passed / Where You'll Find Me Now* (2011)

# Pop culture

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In *Will Grayson, Will Grayson*, a 2010 novel by [John Green](#) and [David Levithan](#), Will Grayson 1 is a Neutral Milk Hotel fan.

*Oh Comely* magazine is a named after the song of the same name on [In the Aeroplane Over the Sea](#).<sup>[4]</sup>

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## Other websites

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