

= Greatest Hits : My Prerogative =

Greatest Hits : My Prerogative is the first greatest hits album by American recording artist Britney Spears . It was released on November 3 , 2004 , by Jive Records and Zomba Recording . The compilation was released in two different formats : a standard edition and a limited edition containing a bonus disc with remixes . A compilation DVD of the same name featuring 20 of the singer 's music videos was released to accompany the audio versions . The album includes three new tracks : a cover of Bobby Brown 's " My Prerogative " , " Do Somethin ' " and " I 've Just Begun (Having My Fun) " , which was previously included on the international editions of Spears ' fifth video release , Britney Spears : In the Zone (2004) .

Critics gave Greatest Hits : My Prerogative mixed reviews . Some felt that it was an accurate portrayal of Spears as the defining figure of American pop culture , while others stated that she did not have enough material for a compilation and also deemed it as premature . Greatest Hits : My Prerogative debuted at the top of the charts in Ireland and Japan , and the top ten in other fourteen countries , including Australia , Canada , Norway , Sweden , the United Kingdom and the United States . Greatest Hits : My Prerogative has sold five million copies worldwide . The title track was released as the first single from the album . It went on to peak at number one in Ireland , Italy , Finland and Norway , and reached the top ten in another fourteen countries . " Do Somethin ' " was released as the second single from the album .

= = Background = =

On August 13 , 2004 , Spears announced through Jive Records the release of her first greatest hits compilation titled Greatest Hits : My Prerogative , due on November 16 , 2004 . The title was chosen after the album 's lead single , Spears 's cover version of Bobby Brown 's 1988 single " My Prerogative " . The cover was produced by Swedish production team Bloodshy & Avant . A DVD of the same name was also released the same day , containing Spears 's music videos . Spears had recorded a song titled " I 've Just Begun (Having My Fun) " originally for her fourth studio album , In the Zone (2003) . It was first included as a bonus track in the European version of the In the Zone DVD . In the United States , the track was a free download in the Wal @-@ Mart edition of In the Zone , due to an exclusive deal with Wal @-@ Mart and Sony Connect . When the deal ended in mid @-@ 2004 , Jive Records decided to release it in iTunes Store on August 17 , 2004 . " I 've Just Begun (Having My Fun) " peaked at number seven on the iTunes chart while it was speculated to be in the tracklist of Greatest Hits : My Prerogative . The tracklist was officially revealed on September 13 , 2004 . Greatest Hits : My Prerogative included three new tracks : " My Prerogative " , " I 've Just Begun (Having My Fun) " and " Do Somethin ' " , all of them produced by Bloodshy & Avant . A limited edition of the album was also released , which included a bonus disc with remixes of Spears 's songs by different recording artists , as well as a megamix of Spears 's hits .

= = Critical response = =

Greatest Hits : My Prerogative received mixed reviews from music critics . Mary Awosika of the Sarasota Herald @-@ Tribune selected " I 've Just Begun (Having My Fun) " as the best of the new tracks , and added that " The rest of the album is a romp down memory lane of when Spears was the ' It ' girl of popular culture , ruling the pop charts as a multi @-@ million dollar entertainment should . [...] In all honesty , no one can deny Spears has recorded some great dance songs , and this album is the best way to get all the songs in one swoop " . Faridul Anwar Farinordin of the New Straits Times said , " rest assured , fans will surely grab this one " and selected " Oops ! ... I Did It Again " and " Overprotected " as the best tracks . Annabel Leathes of BBC Online deemed it " calorific as the KFC burgers dished up at her chav @-@ style wedding ; twenty finger lickin ' tracks that mirror her trajectory from pretty pop puff to lusty strumpet " . Christy Lemire of the Associated Press stated that it was premature for Spears to release a greatest hits album compilation after only five years , but highlighted " I 'm a Slave 4 U " , " Toxic " and " Everytime " . Andy Petch @-@ Jex of

MusicOMH highlighted the first four tracks and commented " true some of the tunes are complete pony plops , but beneath the occasional reek there beats a solid gold pop heart " .

Spence D. of IGN said , " If Britney Spears ' Greatest Hits : My Prerogative illuminates anything it 's that Spears is a fairly proficient sonic chameleon , able to mimic and adopt the stylings of those who have come before her with enough panache and verve to convince younger generations that she 's a bona fide pop revelation . [...] This is the kind of kitschy album that you can get away with having because Spears is such a prevalent component of pop culture . " James Gashinski of The Gazette said that " As a time capsule , My Prerogative does its job well , " but " Added together , the pop hits on this album are somewhat less than the sum of their parts " . He explained , " Even if it isn ' t as great a listen as a cohesive album , My Prerogative does work as a portrait of the time when Britney Spears was the defining figure of American pop culture " . Stephen Thomas Erlewine of Allmusic agreed with Gashinski , but added " if you compare it to The Immaculate Collection , which captured the time when Madonna was the defining figure of American pop culture and does work as an album , it 's clear that a cultural artifact isn ' t necessarily the same thing as great music " .

Ann Powers of Blender said , " The hits collected on My Prerogative are as sticky as soda and almost as easy to rinse out . Spears will go down in history books , but not for anything she ' s created , besides a world @-@ class stir " . She named " ... Baby One More Time " " the song that defined her legacy " and also added , " In less than five minutes , it contains an emotional storm that is both widely public and deeply personal . If only she had continued to prove worthy of that heroic task . " Kelefa Sanneh of The New York Times said that " Listening to her hits all at once , you may be struck by the seductive severity of Ms. Spears ' s music : the beats are sharp as tines , the lyrics are filled with evocations of fear and control , the voice projects nothing you might mistake for warmth " .

= = Commercial performance = =

In the United States , Greatest Hits : My Prerogative debuted at number four on the Billboard 200 , with sales exceeding 255 @,@ 000 copies . It has spent a total of 32 weeks overall on the chart . It became her first album not to debut at number one . In December 2004 , the album was certified platinum by the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA) for shipments of a million copies of the album . As of March 2015 , Greatest Hits : My Prerogative has sold over 1 @.@ 5 million copies in the United States . In Canada , the album debuted at number three selling 20 @,@ 400 copies and was certified gold by the Canadian Recording Industry Association (CRIA) for shipments of 50 @,@ 000 units . In Australia and New Zealand , Greatest Hits : My Prerogative debuted at number four and seventeen on the official charts , respectively . The album was certified two @-@ times platinum by the Australian Recording Industry Association (ARIA) indicating shipments of 140 @,@ 000 units .

In the United Kingdom , Greatest Hits : My Prerogative debuted at number two behind Eminem ' s Encore , with first @-@ week sales of 115 @,@ 341 units . The album debuted at number three on the European Top 100 Albums . Greatest Hits : My Prerogative also debuted at number two in Belgium (Wallonia) , Finland and Denmark , number four in Austria and Norway , and inside the top ten in Belgium (Flanders) , Czech Republic , Italy , Portugal and the Netherlands . It also charted in Sweden and Spain . In Japan , Spears ' compilation became her first album to top the Oricon charts selling 173 @,@ 145 copies , and finished as the 38th best @-@ selling album of 2004 and the 40th of 2005 . To date , it has sold 710 @,@ 124 copies in the country and remains her highest @-@ selling album there . Global sales for Greatest Hits : My Prerogative stand at over five million units .

= = Singles = =

" My Prerogative " was released as the first single from the compilation . The song was set to premiere on radio stations on September 14 , 2004 , however , it leaked in the Real Tapemasters Inc . ' s mixtape The Future of R & B on September 10 , 2004 . The cover was musically different from Bobby Brown ' s original song , and was noted for aptly referring to Spears ' s relationship with

the media at the time . It received mixed to negative reviews from critics , but went on to achieve worldwide success , topping the charts in countries like in Finland , Ireland , Italy and Norway , and reaching the top ten in another fourteen countries . In the United States , " My Prerogative " charted in Billboard 's Top 40 Tracks and Top 40 Mainstream at number twenty @-@ two and thirty @-@ four , respectively .

Although no more singles were planned , Spears wanted to shoot a music video for " Do Somethin ' " and pushed for it to be released . The song was released as a single worldwide except North America on February 14 , 2005 . " Do Somethin ' " received positive reviews , and reached top ten positions in countries such as Australia , Denmark , Sweden and the United Kingdom . Although the song was not released in the United States , it charted on many of Billboard 's component charts due to digital downloads and reached number one @-@ hundred on the Billboard Hot 100 . The accompanying music video was co @-@ directed by Billie Woodruff and Spears , who appeared credited as her alter ego " Mona Lisa " . She was also the stylist and choreographer of the video .

= = Formats and track listings = =

Notes

^ a signifies a co @-@ producer

^ b signifies a remixer

^ c signifies a vocal producer

= = Charts = =

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= = Release history = =