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REED & THE
TRUE LOVES
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**WHITE GUY WHO SINGS
LIKE OTIS REDDING.**

Like the fresh-faced Amy Winehouse of five years ago, Boston-based Eli "Paperboy" Reed is a young white soul singer with the voice of a black veteran. Heavily influenced by '60s legend Otis Redding, and backed by a six-piece band, Reed is a throwback to an era when R&B still stood for rhythm and blues, not urban pop. On this second album, he's fired by youthful abandon, whooping and hollering from the boisterous Stake Your Claim to the pleading ballad (Am I Just) Fooling Myself. Original? No, he's not, but he's sure got soul. ■ PAUL ELLIOTT

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