

# Bleeder



## BIO:

Shelby Smoak's *Bleeder* release charted #117 on college radio and was in the Top 20 at over 30 college radio stations. Media claimed: "2017's most memorable pieces of musical art"; "one of the year's most important releases"; and "one of the year's best albums--from anyone." Smoak is also a writer whose memoir *BLEEDER* (MSU Press 2013), which chronicles his struggles with hemophilia and HIV, started the *Bleeder* projects. His book received national press attention, garnered him spots on TV and NPR, and won numerous awards, including a "Best of the Best" American Library Association award.

## MUSIC:

*Swallowing Sound* (Unreleased)  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mDZFLDBzXYA>

*Pain* (Unreleased)  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z4DDd16vwUc>

*If You* (Released May 2017)  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cVvEHSdffU4>

## ACHIEVEMENTS:

Debut album charted #117 on college radio


Top 20 at over 30 college radio stations

Performed at Hopscotch Music Festival


Partnered with non-profit to launch music camp, *The Beats*, for persons with Hemophilia B

*Bleeder: A Memoir* (MSU Press) gained numerous accolades and press. Upwards of 8,000 copies sold.

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## PRESS:

### NPR Interview & Performance

'Bleeder' Pours Story And Soul Into Music

### Various Small Flames

"Rusted and Raw" takes the emotion, fear and loneliness of the memoir and weaves it into a wistfully retro brand of indie rock—once again breathing human life into a story of suffering and perseverance."

### Gashouse Radio

"Shelby Smoak's songwriting, musicianship, and lyrics stand out in a crowded field of talent."

### Band Blurb

"Bleeder is a sizzling debut."

The album "makes its marks as one of the smartest collection of songwriting released in the last decade."

### Indie Music Reviews

It is "a recording that sparkles with genuine substance and moments of pure poetry."

"Bleeder's nine songs are a reminder in dark times of music's transcendental power."

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