Brett, Tim and Matt started RANCID in November of '91. Their first show was a punk rock party in Oakland in December of that same year. They recorded their self titled five song 7" in June of '92 which was released on Lookout Records.

Brett drummed in the infamous SMOG while Matt and Tim were wasting their time in a band called OPERATION IVY. SMOG played once and OPERATION IVY played 185 times. SMOG recorded their first practice while OPERATION IVY released a 7" and a full length album then broke up in 1989 and faded into obscurity. Although SMOG broke up in '91, in some people's hearts they will live forever.

Through hard work, persistence and a prolific attitude, RANCID has managed to do the impossible; they were able to shake the legendary image and sound of SMOG. This record is a testament to that victory.