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Previous albums *Savage Purge* (2020) and *Hold On To That Flame* (2018) featured on several Top Album end-of-year lists, and 2020 single *Stopped Believing In You* received significant indie and online radio play, including from BBC Manchester and BBC Bristol. The video for the song *Stop Worrying Baby*, premiered by Louder Than War, featured *Emmerdale* star Dominic Brunt.

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"If you've felt isolated and alone inside your own faulty brain, this album is for you. If you've felt angry at the world, and your lack of control over your own existence, this album is for you. If you've felt fearful of the future, completely lost and wondering if life is all just a ridiculous game, this album is definitely for you."

Polished Indie Pop nuggets abound in tracks such as Twenty Miles Up, So Much For Summertime and Scream Of The Sea, while This and Moan Of A Thousand Years bring some heavier rock riffs to the table. Carol's trademark piano-led ballads remain, with More Important and Best Thing In This Town highlighting the honest emotion she is becoming known for.

Carol's second studio album Savage Purge is nearly sold out, with very limited copies remaining on CD and red vinyl 12" at <https://carolhodge.co.uk/shop>. Featuring in top 2020 album lists by Louder Than War, Three Songs And Out, The Ginger Quiff (and album of the year for Where The Music Does The Talking), lead single Stop Worrying Baby, was released on 7th April 2020. Accompanied by a music video featuring a familiar face to many, Dominic Brunt, who plays Paddy Kirk in ITV's Emmerdale, the video was shot and edited by Mark Richards (Slaves, Wonk Unit, Maid Of Ace), in the beautiful West Yorkshire countryside.

The Old Grey Whistle Test homage video for second Savage Purge single Stopped Believing In You was released on 27th November 2020, leading to interviews and airplay by BBC Radio Manchester and BBC Radio Bristol, among many other local stations the UK.

Described by Louder Than War as "The Adele for people into radical politics...a (modern) equivalent to the Tapestry-era Carole King", Carol's debut album Hold On To That Flame was released in 2018 on independent label Chopback, and published by Bomber Music. The album was featured in Louder Than War's Top 25 list of 2018, and received numerous favourable reviews, as well as extensive independent and online radio play.

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