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• **House of Love. Hedonist (Fontana).**  
After a difficult year, House of Love is hurled out of the shadows with a follow-up to its successful debut album. After the recording sessions took all of 1989 to complete, guitarist Terry Bickers left the band and singer-guitarist Guy Shadwick, bassist Chris Groothuizen and drummer Pete Evans recruited Simon Walker to fill the gap. But the change only tightened the grip of their guitar-based power pop. *House of Love* oozes aggression and vigor over a swirling guitar drone while Chadwick's vocals hint of an optimistic lonesomeness. The band's heartfelt fervor and broody notions fire each original track. (\*\*\*\*)—**Claire Hofmann** 1880