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## **First book of this year from MetalGate? The extensive biography of the legendary Paradise Lost!**

**Paradise Lost are without a question a phenomenon of global metal. A true legend with a vast back catalogue of unforgettable and highly acclaimed albums; pioneers who enthusiastically have been going beyond their musical boundaries, searching for new ways. So, what is their story? The detailed answer comes in an authorized biography entitled *No Celebration: The Official Story of Paradise Lost* by David E. Gehlke. The Czech translation of the 2019 original will be published by MetalGate Records in late February.**

*"Paradise Lost are of course a very popular band in the Czech Republic, so we hope this book will be a treat indeed for all the fans. And not just for them exclusively, since the book is also a fascinating probe into the history of doom/gothic metal,"* says Ondřej Šmejkal from MetalGate. *"It is also worth mentioning that the Czech version is expanded with a chapter about the Obsidian album, written by the same author, so that the book is really up to date."*

As mentioned, this biography is an official one. *"No Celebration was written with full involvement from the band. The members of Paradise Lost, as well as their management, were fully accommodating throughout, granting me unfettered access to their world,"* says David E. Gehlke. *"We shared countless laughs intermixed with some serious, sobering tales, with the members of the band displaying a sense of humility and candor that made this book a joy to write."*

The story of Paradise Lost is told on 340 pages. Included are of course many photos from the band's archives. The Czech translation is coming out in late February.

With this title, MetalGate continues with publishing the translated versions of noteworthy metal related books from abroad, such as the Black Metal saga by Dayal Patterson or the biography of Ronnie James Dio (Dio, Black Sabbath, Rainbow), the first prints of which were quickly sold out. Emphasis is placed on the local Czech scene as well, as this year, the second volume of the Dělníci kovu series (i.e. biographies of notable personae of the Czech scene) will be published as well.