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Blag Dahlia's *Nina*: More Than Just a Book, More Than Just a CD

By **Yvonne Glasgow**

First off, who is Blag Dahlia? Blag Dahlia is Paul Cafaro and sings for the punk band the Dwarves. He also does **Takeaways** Spoken Word and is a writer.

The CD 'Nina ... and Other Delights' is a Spoken Word & Musical Recording done by Blag Dahlia, containing 14 sick and hilarious tracks.

Track 1: Whatever I Want
Yeah, whatever, that's what this says to me.

Track 2: This Old Whore
Umm... eww. There are some really gross details to this... almost too gross to listen to.

Track 3: Blag Dahlia Radio Intro
This is a great intro to the Radio Show with Blag Dahlia.

Track 4: How to Write Good- "Cocaine"
This is a great one. Blag goes on about a bunch of great writers and what their drug vices are/were. It is funny and morbid.

Track 5: Extreme Skate Abuse
Ha ha, funny. Some skate dudes wanted to use a Dwarves song on their skate video and this is what Blag had to say at one point, "It doesn't seem fair that people get a song for nothing." "We hate skateboards." This is hilarious.

Track 6: 'Nina' Intro
This track is what it is, an intro to the book 'Nina'.

Track 7: 'Nina' Chapter 11
Nina Chapter 11 read by Blag himself. This Chapters title is 'San Narcisso'.

Track 8: 'Nina' Chapter 12
Nina Chapter 12 also read by Blag himself. This Chapters title is 'Poetry in Motion'.

Track 9: San Francisco
This track is all about the satirical side of San Francisco talked about in the book 'Nina'.

Track 10: How to Write Good- "Halloween"
This is the second "How to Write Good" from Blag's column available on the disc, which happens to be my favorite two parts of this CD. This is "How to Write Good Volume 13". "Halloween is the one day of the year creeps get to celebrate their creepiness." "Viva Halloween."

Track 11: Invisible Ink Outro
A Dwarves song plays in the background of this sweet Radio Show outro.

Track 12: The Legend of L-Mo
The voice box "mutilated" track is interesting, to say the least.

Track 13: Young Toilets Club
The sounds of the voice box on this track gave me the creeps!

Track 14: Christ Comes Back
Intro: funeral procession music or church music, a great beginning for this controversial track. In Christ Comes Back Blag gives his rendition of Christ's "anger" upon his return to the earth. It is funny, sick, twisted and just plain awful. If you are sensitive, don't listen... if you can find the humor in it then by all means turn it up!

The book 'Nina' by Blag Dahlia is "the story of a young girl coming of age with no apologies." The book is well written; Blag put a lot of thought and work into it as well as blood, sweat and tears. I have a feeling 'Nina' will be considered a Cult Classic in no time. 28 chapters starting with 'These Kids Today' and ending with 'Rot in Heaven', this is a must read for any fan of the Dwarves or great literature!

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