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**DAHLIA, BLAG • Nina • (Scapegoat / MVD Audio)**

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## NINA

### *Blag Dahlia* (Scapegoat)

Although she deals with braces on her teeth and epileptic seizures, Nina West is just like any other teenage girl in Highland Oaks... save for the fact she's a manipulative sociopath, obsesses over the soap opera "Doctor's Hospital", considers a scooping Haagen Daz into her crotch a "treat" for the sugar-fixated twins she often babysits, feverishly masturbates on her literature teacher's desk and furiously sucks off the 12-year old paper boy for breaking her family's living room window... and we ain't even to page 25 yet. After Nina's parents' plane crashes in Sioux Falls, Nina is left to her own devices - essentially, ratcheting up her mayhem misadventures several more notches while involving the Girl Scouts, a Catholic priest, an airline pilot, the Highland Oaks judicial system and, finally, a climactic showdown between her and the most vicious killing machine the Jehovah's Witnesses have to offer.



Well, c'mON... what'd you expect?! This is Blag Dahlia. Yes, as in THE DWARVES. You expected Shakespeare from the guy who spends his nights bellowing out "Skin Poppin' Slut" and "Fuck You Up And Get High"? It almost shames me to say that Dahlia's flair for objective adjectives did split forth the occasional grin on my goofy puss, however, this sort've stuff - particularly the bits combining pedophilia and Butter Pecan - can test even the steeliest of tastes. At just over a 100 pages and 28 typically-three-page chapters, Dahlia's second book (the first being 1998's ARMED TO THE TEETH WITH LIPSTICK) obviously ain't gonna put you through the WAR AND PEACE (WARTS AND PISS?) wringer, but I'll be surprise if many don't find what's here to be already much too much.

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## DAHLIA, BLAG

### *Nina* (MVD Audio)

While not exactly the spoken-word album I mistook it for, NINA - like it's printed counterpart - manages to mildly entertain in spite of itself - even if it is basically a single radio broadcast (from underground show "Invisible Ink") put to cd and rounded off with improvised filler. Dwarves mainmouth Blag Dahlia reads through Chapters 11 and 12 of his newest novella, recalls a hysterical response to a request from makers of snowboarding videos to use Dwarves music and reads two classic installments of his ever-helpful "Wave" Magazine column, "How To Write Good" ("Cocaine" - "...for those of you who aren't good writers, just do as I have wrote and soon your writing will be very good like mine also is..." and "Halloween"). If you think it's funny when someone refers to Truman Capote as a "poncy fop" (I do.) and crediting Sigmund Freud as the "...inventor of the penis, the vagina and several other important things" (I do.), you'll come away from the audio-fied NINA feeling similar to finishing off the last paragraph of the book: somewhat bemusedly amused and with a bout of mild indigestion... both of which you'll likely be cured of and forget about within two hours...

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