



A Girl Named Nina (Paperback)

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Aperture Press, United Kingdom, 2013. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****. Based on a true story, A Girl Named Nina paints a vivid portrait of life in 1960s Brooklyn. Nina grows up in a tenement with Puerto Rican parents who came to America seeking a better life. Her father adores and protects her, teaches her to read, and encourages the many gifts he sees within her. Her mother is nurturing in her own way, as she struggles quietly with her own difficult past. Keenly aware of her surroundings from a very young age, Nina learns about the joys of childhood from a fourth-floor windowsill in her parents apartment. Still too young to jump rope and play stick ball with children on the busy street below, she witnesses life from within the halls of her building-including physical and sexual abuse-but tells no one what she has seen. For Nina, the joys of coming of age are tempered with life's many harsh realities: her parents separation, physical abuse, a friend's drug use, her best friend's murder, and the poverty that surrounds them all. Yet her spirit remains undaunted. Nina will not...

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