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Nina Simone

By David Brun-Lambert

Paperback. Book Condition: New. Not Signed; The greatest female artist of the 20th century - Elton John This first-ever biography of Nina Simone caused quite a stir among reviewers. A chastening read, said the Sunday Times; Simone's story is as harrowing as it is remarkable, said the Yorkshire Post. No-one was quite prepared for the life story of the singer of such enduringly uplifting classics as My Baby Just Cares for Me turning out to be such a chilling litany of mental disorder, vile temper, terrible abuse at the hands of bad men, and a self-destructively hostile attitude all too often to the acolytes who came to see her perform. Brun-Lambert shows how Simone saw herself as a lifelong victim of racism, right from being turned down by the prestigious music school that would have enabled her to become a classical musician. Undiagnosed bipolar disorder, he argues, added to her torment. But it was her unforgettable voice, and, at best, her utterly magnetic performances, that kept people coming to a sold-out Ronnie Scott's every time she was in residency, and the way she sang her hardest songs like Mississippi Goddam with such fire and fury that they became...



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