

# SPIN

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SUB POP

**Refined folk-rock prodigy  
mixes knowing, naughty**

With its Neil Young whine,  
Isaac Brock-like penchant

for profane profundities,  
and sweetly innocent  
aura—not to mention  
its warmly intricate folk  
tunes—this debut will have  
you wondering why you've  
never heard of Southern  
California singer-guitarist  
Avigdor Zahner-Isenberg.  
Then you find out: He and  
his band just finished high  
school. That knowledge in  
hand, the headspace that  
birthed songs about "Sum-  
mer Cum" and "Five Little  
Sluts" is easier to under-  
stand, even if the source  
of the album's indelible  
melodies and homespun  
poise remains a mystery.

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