



## WILLIAM S. BURROUGHS Ali's Smile

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Format

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### DESCRIPTION

This record is divided into two sections. The first part is the title track and takes up most of side one. *Ali's Smile* was first published in 1971 and was privately released as a one-sided LP, in an edition of 99 copies. It came in a plain sleeve with a hardback copy of the spoken text, and was sold exclusively through Unicorn Bookshop in Brighton, UK. **Bill Butler**, the bookshop owner, was still paying off a viciously punitive fine and associated court costs imposed in 1968 after a guilty verdict in an obscenity trial. **Burroughs**, a "fellow American", was only too happy to help out by letting him have the rights to the recording. Rumors abound as to how many copies of the LP actually sold and how many were damaged after having been left on a heater, but, whatever the facts, this magnanimous gesture would still have been very handy. This is the first official reissue of this lost audio recording. A tale of revenge, heartless cruelty and amulet power, muddled with frequent recourse to Scientological references. The rest of the LP is taken up with 33 minutes of audio tape supplied by Burroughs in answer to various questions mailed to him by a freelance journalist. It also includes several readings from material he was working on at the time. The recordings date from 1963, which places them as some of, if not the, earliest in-depth recordings of his readings and thoughts. As this material dates from just before the publication of *Nova Express*, much of it serves as a useful companion and commentary on his *Nova* mythology. In the end only about ten minutes of this material ever got broadcast, and was used as part of an illustrated talk on the BBC's Third Programme. Sleeve notes on a numbered insert; edition of 1000.

### TRACKLISTING

A1. Ali's Smile

Nova Dispatches:

A2. 1. Pry Yourself Loose...

B1. 2. ...and Listen

B2. 3. What Are Words?

B3. 4. Nova Mythology

B4. 5. Reading from The Ticket That Exploded

B5. 6. Cut-up and Fold-in Techniques

B6. 7. Virus

B7. 8. Association Blocks

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