Ever wondered how The Beatles cracked the world? Read our brief feature on the history of Liverpool's most famous sons. Lennon, in his skiffle band The Quarrymen, invited McCartney to join the group on rhythm guitar, with the band later inviting George Harrison and original bass player Stuart Sutcliffe to join. Following a string of concerts in Liverpool, The Beatles' first manager Allan Williams (original owner of local venue The Jacaranda) arranged a residency in Hamburg for the band, which would see original Beatles drummer Pete Best join the band. 1961 saw Sutcliffe leave the band with McCartney replacing him on bass. Following criticism, Best would be also be replaced by a young Ringo Starr a year later. This book tells the inside story of the music and the madness, the feuds and the drugs, the marriages and the affairs from the greatest heights to the self-destructive depths of the Fab Four. In-depth and definitive. It's one of the most comprehensive, revealing biographies of John, Paul, George, and Ringo. The Beatles: The Biography takes a hard and fair look at the world of rock by the band that reinvented it and changed culture. It's one of the handful of must-haves for anyone looking to understand the Beatles, their evolution and the '60s revolution. The Beatles were an English rock band formed in Liverpool in 1960. The group, whose best-known line-up comprised John Lennon, Paul McCartney, George Harrison and Ringo Starr, are regarded as the most influential band of all time. They were integral to the development of 1960s counterculture and popular music's recognition as an art form. Rooted in skiffle, beat and 1950s rock and roll, their sound incorporated elements of classical music and traditional pop in innovative ways; the band later explored