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Alan J. Porter : Before They Were Beatles: The Early Years: 1956-1960 before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Before They Were Beatles: The Early Years: 1956-1960:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. The Important Stuff You DON'T Know!By Sci Fi FanIf you are a true, eternal Beatlemaniac like I happen to be, I'm assuming you own or have read the excellent book titled "The Beatles" by the respected journalist, Hunter Davies. I'm also assuming your opinion of that book is good, but tell me if I'm wrong. This book is equally as much fun as I personally found Davies' book to be. The key difference being, that

this one focuses entirely on the pre-Beatle musical history of the four boys. Though the Beatles are the main characters, they are not always together through the course of this book. Various other musicians are also, given the rightful place they deserve in the story. The book is packed full of interesting facts about that time period and it also, has loads of quotations from people connected to the Beatles and for once, thank you it uses quote marks! I am infinitely recommending this book as well as Davies' book. They are both absolutely needed by ANY Beatlemaniac! 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A must have for Beatles fans

By Kail L. Tescar
As a life long Beatles fan, I've bought dozens of Beatles books and thought I'd read it all. But this book really does provide a lot of information I'd never be aware of. This book focuses on the earliest days of The Beatles musical careers, from the forming of the Quarrymen to the trip to Hamburg. It explores a time and people that are merely footnotes in the other books. I found it fascinating and very well written. I felt like I was right there with them as they were broke and struggling. Who helped them get their first gigs, where and how did they get their instruments, what happened to all the people that joined and left the band on the way to the top of the world? Lots of great anecdotes here. I loved this book and it's now one of my favorite Beatles books.

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By steve
I didn't want it to end! As a Beatle fan for over 40 years, I really enjoyed this book. It was full of names and dates and stories about the Beatles in the very early days. The problem with the book is...I wanted more! I wanted to have the inside story about Beatlemania and beyond! But the book did exactly what it said it would do, and I enjoyed every page.

Note: I listened to the book on my car stereo through the Kindle app that lets you hear the words-- the presentation was very robotic and full of distracting numbers that made no sense. It passed my 4-hour journey quickly, but it gave me a headache. Good reading, though.

Liverpool, England, October 1956. Schoolboy John Lennon and his best friend, Peter Shotton, decide to start a skiffle group as "a bit of a lark." Four years later John, now accompanied by Paul McCartney, George Harrison, Stuart Sutcliffe and Pete Best, le

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Alan J. Porter was born and raised on the banks of the River Mersey, just a short 30 miles upstream from Liverpool. Thanks to a local TV show, The Beatles entered his life on October 18th 1963 and have been a constant source of enjoyment and inspiration e