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His Life and Times

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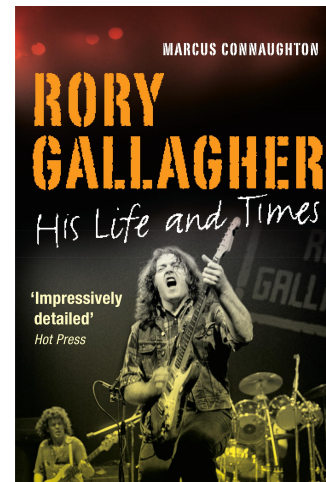
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THE BOOK

Rory Gallagher is a hero and icon of rock music. He inspired guitar players from The Edge to Johnny Marr, Slash to Gary Moore, Johnny Fean to Philip Donnelly, Declan Sinnott to Brian May. He toured incessantly and sold over 30 million albums. In 1963, aged fifteen, Rory bought his trademark Fender Stratocaster. He discovered the blues when pop magazines and radio were scarce in Ireland and won the *Melody Maker* Guitarist of the Year in 1972, ahead of Eric Clapton, Jimmy Page and Jeff Beck. Acknowledged as one of the world's leading guitarists, he collaborated with his boyhood hero Muddy Waters, played with Jerry Lee Lewis, Albert King and Lonnie Donegan. In this compelling biography, contemporaries, fellow musicians, film maker Tony Palmer and Taste drummer John Wilson talk about Rory from his meteoric rise in the 1960s with Taste to his remarkable solo career. This is a compelling testament to the musical life of a shy and retiring working-class hero, distinguished by his check shirts and his astounding dexterity on acoustic and electric guitar – the guitarist and blues man who blazed a trail for others to follow.



THE AUTHOR

Marcus Connaughton is a veteran of the Irish record industry. In the late 1980s he joined RTÉ as a radio producer. Over the past twenty-plus years, he has produced a wide range of programming from the *Metal Show* on 2FM to *Bluestime* on RTÉ Radio 1, and currently presents and produces *Seascapes*. He delivered the Inaugural Rory Gallagher Memorial Lecture in November 1995 in Cork, and has compered and spoken at numerous tributes to the late guitarist in Ireland, Britain and Europe.

SALES POINTS

- Previous edition sales of over 13,000 copies
- A rock & blues insider fills a major gap
- Contains new information & sheds new light on Rory's life and music
- Evocative images set this book apart
- Assesses Rory's achievements and artistic merits as never before
- Readership: fans, rock & blues music, Irish music scene, Cork, Belfast, general