The shooter fired three shots from a sixth-floor window in the Texas School Book Depository and two bullets reached his target—President Kennedy—and wounded Texas Governor John Connally, who was travelling in the car with Kennedy. John F. Kennedy’s Senate career got off to a rocky start when he refused to condemn Senator Joseph McCarthy, a personal friend of the Kennedy family whom the Senate voted to censure in 1954 for his relentless pursuit of suspected communists. In the end, though he planned to vote against McCarthy, Kennedy missed the vote when he was hospitalized after back surgery. Kennedy’s Road to Presidency. After nearly earning his party’s nomination for vice president (under Adlai Stevenson) in 1956, Kennedy announced his candidacy for president on January 2, 1960. Kennedy’s motorcade was turning past the Texas School Book Depository at Dealey Plaza with crowds lining the streets when shots rang out. ...read more. The 1960s History. John Fitzgerald Kennedy (May 29, 1917 – November 22, 1963), often called JFK and Jack, was the 35th President of the United States. He was in office from 1961 until his assassination in 1963. He was the youngest President elected to the office, at the age of 43. Events during his presidency included the Bay of Pigs Invasion, the Cuban Missile Crisis, the building of the Berlin Wall, the Space Race, the Civil Rights Movement, and early stages of the Vietnam War. He was the youngest President of the United States until his assassination in 1963. ...more. Get A Copy. Amazon.