

Solution to Paul is Undead

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The 22 pieces of text here are all openings to songs sung by Paul McCartney, either with the Beatles or solo, but with all the letters replaced by the letters in "BRAINS". The album cover corresponding to the song is pictured to its left. As is subtly hinted by the italicized flavor text, the "number of tracks" is important. Indexing into the album title by the corresponding track number on the pictured album (using the UK version when ambiguous, as specified in the author's note, and treating Side B as a continuation of Side A if using the vinyl album) gives you the following message:

Maxwell's Silver Hammer - 3 on Abbey Road (B)
Good Day Sunshine - 8 on Revolver (R)
Young Boy - 5 on Flaming Pie (I)
The Fool on the Hill - 2 on Magical Mystery Tour (A)
Things We Said Today - 10 on A Hard Day's Night (N)
Your Mother Should Know - 5 on Magical Mystery Tour (C)
Can't Buy Me Love - 7 on A Hard Day's Night (A)
I'll Follow the Sun - 5 on Beatles for Sale (L)
Here There and Everywhere - 5 on Revolver (L)
Oh! Darling - 4 on Abbey Road (E)
And I Love Her - 5 on A Hard Day's Night (D)
The Song We Were Singing - 1 on Flaming Pie (F)
When I'm 64 - 13 on Yellow Submarine Songtrack (I)
My Brave Face - 1 on Flowers in the Dirt (F)
Two of Us - 5 on Let it Be... Naked (T)
Til There Was You - 6 on With the Beatles (H)
Let it Be - 6 on Let it Be (B)
Eleanor Rigby - 2 on Revolver (E)
If You Wanna - 3 on Flaming Pie (A)
All My Loving - 3 on With the Beatles (T)
I'm Looking Through You - 10 on Rubber Soul (L)
Fixing a Hole - 5 on Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band (E)

"The Fifth Beatle" is a term often used for former Beatles members or others associated with the band. Paul McCartney once said "If anyone was the fifth Beatle, it was Brian Epstein", their manager. (Probably Paul liked him best because his first name sounds like "brains".) As such, the answer to this puzzle is **EPSTEIN**.