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Writer Mark Hodkinson played in near-miss bands that supported Pulp and The Stone Roses. His life experience helps make **The Last Mad Surge Of Youth** (Pomona Books, out now) a rare treat. Fictional faded rock star John Barrett's story is all about celebrity, friendship and simply

growing old. A novel set in the music business that's both free of cliché and acutely on the money.

Q RATING: ★★★★★