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Mark Beech's music column has been syndicated in 300 newspapers internationally, including the US. He has written for The Sunday Times and appeared on Bloomberg TV and received rave reviews for his 1998 book, The A-Z of Names in Rock which generated over 50 radio interviews and was highly recommended by leading DJs including the legendary John Peel. Mark has interviewed thousands of stars and bands as diverse as Sting and The Smiths. His first book on rock names was inspired by an interview he did with Sting. Mark performed (very briefly) with failed punk band Marius and the Firebombers.

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