Kolbe, Uwe

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Writer

Kolbe met Franz Fühmann in 1976, who was instrumental in publishing Kolbe’s poetry in *Sinn und Form*. To further his career, he attended the Johannes R. Becher Institute (1980-1). His first book, *Hineingeboren* (Born Into It), became a metaphor for the younger generation of writers in the GDR. Because of the poem ‘Kern meines Romans’ (Key to My Novel) in which Kolbe arranged a series of nouns and verbs to create an acrostic of anti-government sentiments, he was forbidden to publish (1982-5). He also served as editor of *Mikado*, a private literary magazine with Lothar Trolle and Bernd Wagner.

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