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"Purposeless and meaningful: here is a situation for self-diagnosis of that Incurable pain that sometimes leads to life." Born between wars and caught between walls, Gunter Kunert lives the curious homelessness of creative Germans imprisoned in recriminating impotence: "The poet wants to change the world, yes, but he has already failed in every other profession." We have therefore an acclaimed and self-acknowledged East German Everyman, a tree determined to remain rooted in political wind storms or to reroot, verbally if not physically, in the surrogate soil of the West. Kunert's terse poems and sketches, written mainly in the 1970's.

Red Dust offers a beautifully edited bilingual volume. meticulously translated with a slight, perhaps unavoidable, German accent, and illustrated with Kunert's own wry drawings. O.K.

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