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Biography

A socialist writer known for his depictions of proletarian life, Bredel was born in Hamburg. He joined the Communist Party at eighteen. In 1928 he became editor of HAMBURGER VOLKSZEITUNG, and two years later he was sentenced to a two-year jail term for "planning literary high treason." During this period he wrote his first novel, MASCHINENFABRIK N & K. Bredel was imprisoned by the Nazis from 1933 to 1934, and when released fled to Moscow, where he was one of the original founders of the "Nationalkomitee 'Freies Deutschland'" in 1943. After the war, Bredel settled in East Germany. He served as the editor of HEUTE UND MORGEN (1947-1954) and NEUE DEUTSCHE LITERATUR (1953-1956). From 1956 until his death in 1964, Bredel was a member of the Central Committee of the East German Communist Party.

Scope and Content

The papers come from Bredel's secretary, Ursula Kilian, who worked for him from 1953 to 1964. Included are Bredel's notes to Kilian, as well as some carbon copies of her letters to him; Bredel's correspondence with others including Walter Janka and Friedrich Ebert; one letter from Bredel to Walter Ulbricht complaining that the paper allotment for his magazine had been suddenly cancelled; and a few items from Maj Bredel, Willi Bredel's wife.

Access Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

- . 10\$aBredel, Maj.
- . 10\$aEbert, Friedrich, 1894-1979.
- . 10\$aJanka, Walter, 1914-
- . 10\$aKilian, Ursula.
- . 10\$aUlbricht, Walter, 1893-1973.
- . 0\$aEast European literature.
- . 0\$aGerman literature--20th century.
- . 0\$aRevolutionary literature, German.
- . 0\$aSocialism in literature.

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Box 1, Folder 1	Bredel-Killian correspondence, 1953
Box 1, Folder 2	Bredel-Killian correspondence, 1954
Box 1, Folder 3	Bredel-Killian correspondence, 1955
Box 1, Folder 4	Bredel-Killian correspondence, 1956
Box 1, Folder 5	Bredel-Killian correspondence, 1957
Box 1, Folder 6	Bredel-Killian correspondence, 1958
Box 1, Folder 7	Bredel-Killian correspondence, 1959
Box 1, Folder 8	Bredel-Killian correspondence, 1960
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Box 1, Folder 10	Bredel-Killian correspondence, 1962
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Box 1, Folder 12	Bredel-Killian correspondence, 1964 and exhibition invitation, 1976
Box 1, Folder 13	Maj Bredel-Killian correspondence, 1967
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Box 1, Folder 16	Bredel-Killian correspondence-- cards, 1957
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Box 1, Folder 24	Bredel-Killian correspondence, n.d.
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Box 1, Folder 26	Bredel correspondence, 1951
Box 1, Folder 27	Bredel correspondence, 1952
Box 1, Folder 28	Bredel correspondence, 1953
	Scope and Content Note
	(includes one 3-page manuscript, "Zum internationalen Befreiungstag. Klaren Verstandhaften Charakter- Geduld.")
Box 1, Folder 29	Bredel correspondence, 1954
Box 1, Folder 30	Bredel correspondence, 1955
