

KIRILL MEDVEDEV

It's No Good: poems / essays / actions

ABOUT THE BOOK :

It's No Good includes selected poems from Kirill Medvedev's four books of poetry as well as his most significant essays: "My Fascism" (on the failure of post-Soviet Russian liberalism, politically and culturally); "Literature and Sincerity" (on the attractions and dangers of the "new sincerity" in Russian letters); "Dmitry Kuzmin, a Memoir" (a detailed memoir and analysis of the work of the 1990s Moscow poet, publisher, and impresario Kuzmin, and what his activity represents). This will be Medvedev's first book in English.

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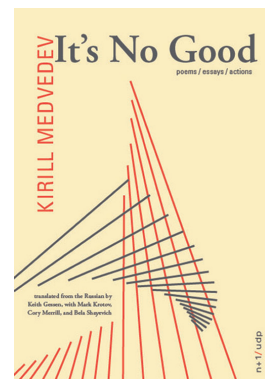
Kirill Medvedev is the most exciting phenomenon in Russian poetry at the beginning of the new century. To be fair, that's not a compliment. It's a judgment. You get the sense that Medvedev has no fear, and that this fearlessness costs him nothing. Such things are rarely forgiven. —**Dmitry Vodennikov**

ABOUT THE AUTHOR :

Born in Moscow, in 1975, Kirill Medvedev has recently emerged as one of the most exciting, unpredictable voices on the Russian literary scene. Widely published and acclaimed as a poet, he is also is an activist for labor and a member of the Russian Socialist movement "Vpered" [Forward]. He contributes essays regularly to *Chto Delat'*, and other opposition magazines. His small press, The Free Marxist Publishing House [SMI], has recently released his translations of Pasolini, Eagleton, and Goddard, as well as numerous books at the intersection of literature, art and politics, including a collection of his own essays. This is Medvedev's first book in English.

ABOUT THE EDITOR :

Keith Gessen was born in Moscow in 1975 and emigrated to the States with his family in 1981. A founding editor of *n+1*, Gessen is the author of *All the Sad Young Literary Men* (Viking, 2008). His translation (with Anna Summers) of fabled Moscow iconoclast Ludmilla Petrushevskaya, *There Once Lived A Woman Who Tried to Kill Her Neighbor's Baby*, was published by Penguin in 2009.



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