

Recommended Ukraine Books

General Ukraine History/Biography

Back Door to Byzantium: To the Black Sea by the Great Rivers of Europe. Bill & Laurel Cooper. An English couple's account of their circumnavigation of Europe in a converted barge.

The Black Sea. Neal Ascherson.

The role the Black Sea has played from ancient Greece and Rome to the present day.

Borderland: A Journey Through the History of Ukraine. Anna Reid.

A beautifully written history of the country.

The Cossacks. Leo Tolstoy.

The Russian writer's little-known novella paints a fascinating picture of Cossack life and society.

The Cossacks: An Illustrated History. John Ure.

The story of the legendary "Free Men of the Steppes" brought to life by a respected British historian.

Thousands of Roads. Maria Savchyn Pyskir.

The true story of a young Ukrainian girl who joined the resistance to fight Nazis and continued fighting the Soviets after the war. She escaped the Soviets and fled to America at the age of 29.

The Ukrainians: Unexpected Nation. Andrew Wilson.

Account of Ukraine and its people with emphasis on its complicated relationship with Russia.

Kiev

Dynamo: Triumph & Tragedy in Nazi Occupied Kiev. Andy Dougan.

The true and fascinating story of Kiev's Dynamo soccer team, protected as workers in a Kiev bakery during the Nazi occupation.

Kiev. Michael Hamm.

A fascinating biography of Ukraine's diverse capital city, which played a role in the founding of Russia.

Odessa

The Jews of Odessa: A Cultural History. Steve Zipperstein.

An excellent book on Ukrainian/Russian Jewish history.

Odessa Memories. Nicholas Iljine.

A wealth of resources paints a lavish picture of the city founded by Catherine the Great in 1794 and called the "Melting Pot of Russia."



Cookbook

Festive Ukrainian Cooking. Marta Pisetka Farley.

Simple traditional recipes that follow the calendar of Christian holidays.