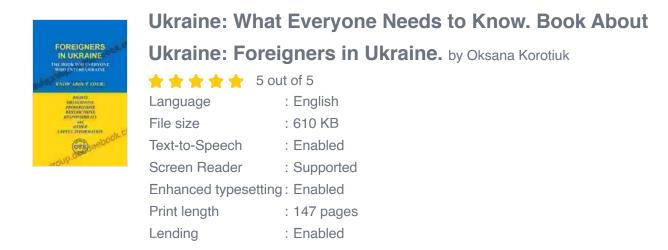
## What Everyone Needs To Know About Ukraine

Ukraine is a country in Eastern Europe with a rich history and culture. It is the second-largest country in Europe after Russia, and has a population of over 44 million people. Ukraine is a member of the United Nations, the Council of Europe, and the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe.





#### **Geography of Ukraine**

Ukraine is located in Eastern Europe, bordered by Russia to the east, Belarus to the north, Poland and Slovakia to the west, Hungary, Romania, and Moldova to the southwest, and the Black Sea and Sea of Azov to the south. The country has a total area of 603,628 square kilometers (233,059 square miles), making it the largest country entirely within Europe.

Ukraine's landscape is varied, with mountains in the west and south, plains in the north and east, and forests throughout the country. The highest point in Ukraine is Mount Hoverla, at 2,061 meters (6,762 feet) above sea level.

Ukraine has a number of major rivers, including the Dnieper, the Southern Bug, and the Dniester. The Dnieper River is the longest river in Ukraine, and flows for 2,285 kilometers (1,420 miles) through the country.

#### **Climate of Ukraine**

Ukraine has a temperate climate, with warm summers and cold winters. The average temperature in July is 21 degrees Celsius (70 degrees Fahrenheit),and the average temperature in January is -5 degrees Celsius (23 degrees Fahrenheit).

Ukraine receives an average of 600 millimeters (24 inches) of precipitation per year. The majority of precipitation falls during the summer months.

#### **History of Ukraine**

The history of Ukraine dates back to the 9th century, when the Kievan Rus' state was founded. The Kievan Rus' was a powerful state that controlled much of Eastern Europe. In the 13th century, the Kievan Rus' state was conquered by the Mongols.

In the 14th century, Ukraine became part of the Grand Duchy of Lithuania. In the 16th century, Ukraine was divided between the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and the Russian Empire.

In the 19th century, Ukraine became a center of Ukrainian nationalism. In 1917, Ukraine declared independence from Russia. However, Ukraine's independence was short-lived, and the country was soon incorporated into the Soviet Union.

Ukraine gained independence from the Soviet Union in 1991. Since then, Ukraine has been a member of the United Nations, the Council of Europe, and the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe.

#### **Culture of Ukraine**

Ukraine has a rich culture, which includes a variety of traditions, customs, and beliefs. Ukrainian culture is influenced by its history, geography, and neighboring countries.

Ukrainian folklore is rich and varied, and includes a number of fairy tales, legends, and myths. Ukrainian music is also diverse, and includes traditional folk music, classical music, and pop music.

Ukrainian cuisine is hearty and flavorful, and includes a variety of dishes such as borscht, varenyky, and salo.

#### People of Ukraine

The people of Ukraine are a diverse group, with a variety of ethnic, religious, and linguistic backgrounds. The largest ethnic group in Ukraine is the Ukrainians, who make up about 77% of the population. Other ethnic groups in Ukraine include Russians, Belarusians, Poles, and Jews.

The majority of Ukrainians are Orthodox Christians. However, there are also a number of other religious groups in Ukraine, including Catholics, Protestants, and Muslims.

The official language of Ukraine is Ukrainian. However, Russian is also widely spoken in Ukraine.

#### **Economy of Ukraine**

Ukraine has a diversified economy, with a strong emphasis on agriculture and industry. The country is a major exporter of grain, sunflower oil, and steel.

Ukraine's economy has been growing rapidly in recent years. However, the country still faces a number of economic challenges, including corruption, inflation, and poverty.

#### **Politics of Ukraine**

Ukraine is a parliamentary democracy. The country's president is the head of state, and the prime minister is the head of government.

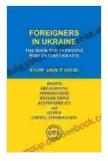
Ukraine has a multi-party political system. The largest political parties in Ukraine are the Party of Regions, the Fatherland Party, and the Ukrainian Democratic Alliance for Reform.

Ukraine has a history of political instability. In 2014, the country experienced a revolution that led to the overthrow of President Viktor Yanukovych.

Ukraine is a country with a rich history, culture, and people. The country has faced a number of challenges in recent years, but it is a country with a promising future.

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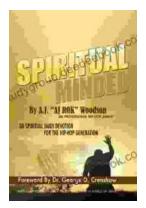




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